

# You Were Created With Purpose

*What It Means to Bear the Image of God*

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## Key Scripture - Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV)

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

## A Thought for the Day

It is easy to measure our worth by the wrong things. We can measure ourselves by what we have accomplished, how much we own, what other people think about us, or even by the mistakes we have made along the way.

But before you had a career, before you earned anything, before anyone formed an opinion about you, God had already placed value on human life. Scripture tells us that humanity was created in the image of God.

That does not mean that we physically look like God. Jesus said that God is Spirit. Being made in His image means that God created us to reflect something of who He is and to live in relationship with Him.

## Your Value Begins With Your Creator

Think about what that means for your life today. Your worth is not something you have to earn from God. You do not become valuable when you finally get everything right. Your value begins with the One who created you.

Sin damaged humanity's relationship with God, but it did not cause God to abandon His purpose. Through Jesus Christ, God restores us to Himself and begins shaping our lives so that we increasingly reflect the character of Christ.

That changes the way we look at ourselves. We do not have to spend our lives trying to prove that we matter. We can begin from the truth that our Creator knows us, loves us, and calls us to walk with Him.

## Created to Reflect Him

Being made in God's image also gives us responsibility. We were not created simply to receive God's love; we were created to reflect His character into the world around us.

When we show compassion, speak truth with grace, forgive, serve someone who cannot repay us, care for another person, or choose what is right when no one is watching, we give the world a glimpse of the God we belong to.

You may never stand behind a pulpit. You may never write a book or lead a ministry. But wherever God has placed you, your life can point someone toward Him. Purpose is not always found in doing something big. Sometimes purpose is simply faithfully reflecting God right where you are.

## Carry This With You

Today, do not let your failures, your accomplishments, or somebody else's opinion become the final word about your worth. Remember whose image you were created to bear - and ask God to help your life reflect Him a little more clearly.

**What have I been allowing to determine my sense of worth?**

**Where can I reflect God's character to someone today?**

**Am I looking for a bigger purpose while overlooking where God has already placed me?**

## **Closing Prayer**

*Father, thank You for creating me with purpose and for reminding me that my worth begins with You. Forgive me for the times I have measured my life by accomplishments, failures, or the opinions of others. Through Jesus Christ, continue restoring and shaping me. Help me reflect Your love, grace, truth, compassion, and goodness wherever You have placed me today. May the way I live point someone toward You. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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