

## **Fulfill Your Purpose ... Find Your Passion! Pt 1**

### **Romans 15:17-21**

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*"Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, but as it is written: 'To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand.'"* (Romans 15:17-21; NKJ)

#### **1. Let's find a real reason to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in this life! (v17)**

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."* (Ephesians 2:8-9; NKJ)

*"But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil."* (James 4:16; NKJ)

*"and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' Therefore let no one boast in men."* (1 Cor, 3:20-21; NKJ)

*"Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf."* (2 Corinthians 8:24; NKJ)

*"Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."* (2 Corinthians 12:9-10; NKJ)

*"so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'"* (1 Corinthians 1:31; ESV)

#### **A. You understand what are the "\_\_\_\_\_!" (v17)**

- Those things that \_\_\_\_\_ and give \_\_\_\_\_ to God!

*"And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God."* (1 Corinthians 2:1; NKJ)

- Those things that are \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_!

*"But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."* (2 Cor. 2:10; NKJ)

- Those things that have \_\_\_\_\_!
- Those things done by \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ... But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* (Hebrews 11:1 & 6; NKJ)

#### **B. You realize what God has \_\_\_\_\_ in life! (v18-21)**

#### **C. You allow God to \_\_\_\_\_!**

*"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you."* (2 Corinthians 4:5-12; NKJ)