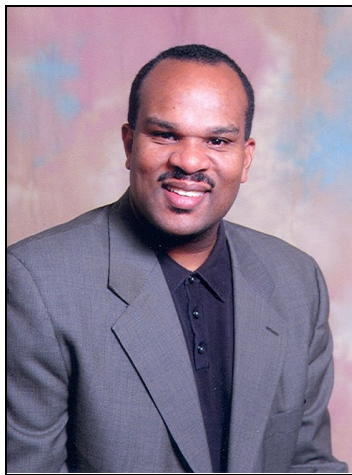




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President's Point

“The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.” —Proverbs 29:25, *New American Standard Bible*

Fear. It is a trait that is common to us all, regardless of color, class, creed, or commonwealth. For some, it might be as simple as being in close proximity to certain insects or rodents, such as a spider or mouse. For others, it might be the fear of a dog bite, heights, or cramped spaces, such as a closet or small elevator. Regardless of what it is that makes you afraid, the effects upon us are similar: rapid heartbeat, heightened pulse rate, shortness of breath, and possibly sweat. To these symptoms you could even add the feeling of being frozen in time.

In the Bible, the word “fear” has at least two types of meaning. In one sense, fear can be a good thing in that it speaks of reverence or respect, such as with the oft-used phrase, “the *fear* of the Lord.” In another sense, fear carries with it negative qualities, such as prolonged hesitation, tentativeness, or reservation. If left unchecked, these qualities can lead to emotional and functional paralysis, making one feel as if he is virtually *unable* to act.

When the Bible prophet Jeremiah received his call from God to be “a prophet unto the nations,” he met it with trepidation: “Then said I, ‘Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.’” God met his fear with a firm counter-

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PFM Joins State Non-profit Accountability Registry

With recent scandals and controversies surrounding corporate business practices, “accountability” is a buzzword that has gained increased traction over the past few years. This is especially true for non-profit corporations, which receive public and private donations—large or small—on a regular basis.

Openness and accountability are core operational values at Purpose-Full Ministries. In April 2008, PFM was added to the Iowa Register of Accountability. The I.R.A. is a service of the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center at the University of Iowa. According to the Center’s website, I.R.A. “is a voluntary listing of charitable nonprofits that have committed themselves to

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PFM Looks to Expand Its Media Outreach



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Ever seeking to make its vision for ministry a practical reality, Purpose-Full Ministries has begun work on developing a daily radio devotional entitled “The Purpose-Full Minute.” This sixty-second feature will pro-

vide an inspirational spotlight on “purpose-full” living, such as how to understand your life’s purpose, key tips on how to fulfill your life’s purpose, how to recognize and avoid potholes on your road to success, how to help shape your child’s destiny, and much more.

Several radio stations have expressed interest in adding “The Purpose-Full Minute” to its schedule. Because of its short duration, the segment can be easily sandwiched in between programs of greater length. Work began on the series’ pilots in fall 2007, and the anticipated release date for the regular series will be January 2009.

PFM directors are excited about the possibilities for expansion—nationally and internationally—and believe that radio outreach will help to provide a platform for future television outreach as well. For more information about “The Purpose-Full Minute,” contact us at 1.877.651.4GOD (4463), or e-mail us at info@purpose-fullministries.org. -OP



Youth Workshop, A Work in Progress

Work continues on “*FirstSteps: Discovering the Power of Purpose in Your Life*,” a workshop designed to help high school-age youth identify their basic talents/skills so as to connect with and better understand their life’s calling. Although curriculum consultants have been identified, a major barrier to workshop development still exists: funding. An estimated \$10,000 is needed to develop the workshop template. Notwithstanding sluggish fundraising results thus far, PFM directors are optimistic that the *FirstSteps* workshop will be a transformational tool in enabling students to focus on setting and attaining educational goals and developing critical life skills. Stay tuned. -OP

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response: “Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord . . . Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them” (Jeremiah 1:6,7). God’s directive was meant to save Jeremiah from the “paralysis of analysis.”

Proverbs 29:25 says that fear can be a “snare”; it can trap you in a straight-jacket of inactivity. All too often, this is the case with many people who have a sense of God’s calling or purpose in life. They know precisely what God would have them to do—they just aren’t doing it!

Then, there are those who don’t know what their purpose is in life, neither are they interested in finding it out. Somehow, they are convinced that their lives have little to no real meaning. The reasons for both of these cases can be innumerable, though irrelevant nonetheless. The fact remains that both types of people are frozen in fear. Does this reflect where you are?

Fear is a snare that the Devil uses to trap your (and God’s) plans in a perpetual state of inactivity and thus uselessness. The world is in dire need of you fulfilling your life’s purpose. Untold stories of wonderful developments with eternal results are awaiting your decision to move forward. If you trust Him, God’s purposes will come to pass, and He will exalt you in due time. “If God be for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:34)?” **Live with purpose!** -OP

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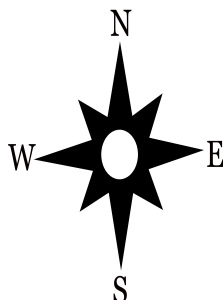
continuous improvement through the Principles and Practices as general guidelines. Its purpose is to show Iowa and the nation that Iowa nonprofits make a concerted effort to efficient, effective, and ethical operation. This voluntary listing was conceived as an alternative to a national accreditation system of all nonprofits which had been proposed in Congressional hearings.”

We are proud of this accomplishment and will soon add the Principles and Practices logo to our website. For more information about I.R.A., visit their website at:

<http://inrc.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/directory/community/search/PnPList.asp> -OP

Upcoming Events

- **July 20, 2008**
Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 20-22, 2008**
Men's Conference
Hamilton SDA Church
(Hamilton, Bermuda)



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“Strong lives are motivated by dynamic purposes; lesser ones exist on wishes and inclinations.”

-Kenneth Hildebrand



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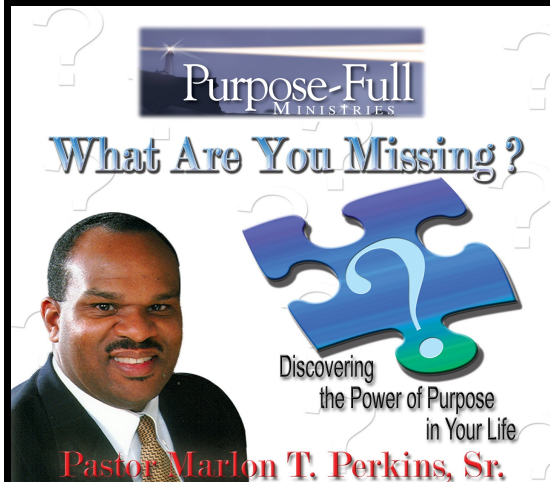
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What Are You Missing?

Discovering the Power of Purpose in Your Life

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The Secret of Successful Living

By Carlyle B. Haynes*

The secret of successful living is very simple, very plain; so plain, indeed, as to be wholly within the understanding of a child. It is just to do God's will, to be in tune with the Infinite. It is this secret, which [the Biblical character] Joseph learned early in life, that made his later life the saga of success it became. *I know of nothing more comforting, more energizing, more inspiring than the conviction that God is thinking of me and thinking for me; that He has a plan for my life and a purpose to be accomplished by my living.*

It was this conviction that came into Joseph's heart as a result of the moving stories of his father and grandfather. It was this conviction that prompted Paul to exclaim at the first moment of his conversion, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" It was because of this conviction in David's heart that God described him as "a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will."

The true plan of the ideal Christian life is set forth in these words of Scripture. What is it? We must have a definition, that we may know it. We must have a description, that we may follow it.

Here is the definition: "A man after mine own heart." Here is the description of how to live it: "Which shall fulfill all my will."

The sweet general truth of these words is simply this: The supreme end of life is to do God's will.

We do not come to push our way, to seek success, to make a name for ourselves, to accomplish great tasks, to go to distant lands, to perform herculean feats.



"To live *with* purpose is to live *on* purpose."

-PFM

David described Christ's aim in life: "I come to do thy will, O God." The Savior confirmed this when He said, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30) . . .

It is a great comfort to believe that you live in God's thoughts, that He is planning for you in love, that He is shaping your life, that He has assigned you something to accomplish for Him, that you are His agent to fulfill His purpose, and that He will control for good every circumstance that is permitted to touch you. Yes, that knowledge is a great comfort. Moreover, that knowledge is worthy of our confidence. And still more, it is just as true of you as it was of Joseph.

Let a man believe that, and apply it to every circumstance of life, and it will result in the cultivation of his spiritual nature, the culture and development of his spiritual mind. There will come to that man great thoughts and a wide-open understanding of God's purposes, a far-reaching vision and timely adjustment to sudden setbacks and sudden promotions. That man will go steadily, inexorably forward in the way God has marked out for him to take, and to the places for which God has prepared him.

No accident can happen to such a man. Things do not happen to him by chance. He is God's man, God's agent, and everything that occurs to him comes to him through the hand of God. **-OP**

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