

Meaning of Life?

You are a creation of God the meaning of life is to **fulfill your role of a creation**. Subsequently **God gives you instruction** on exactly what you must do. **Example:** Go forth and multiply on the Earth name and care for all of the animals that reside on the Earth and in the air. **Quote:** "Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day." Genesis 1:26-31 NIV

God even gave this same instruction to Noah and the inhabitants of the ark. "As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it." Genesis 9:7 NIV.

Purposeful life: Then God put man at the head of the household and charged him with making sure the **family fears God** and remembers the **covenant between God** and themselves. Gives man purpose. Jesus instructs man to work with his hands. This gives man purpose while keeping him away from sin.

The Bible does not explicitly use the phrase "meaning of life," but it provides several themes and teachings that could be interpreted as answering this question:

- 1. **Worship and Relationship with God**:** - ****Ecclesiastes 12:13**:** "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." This suggests that the primary purpose of human life is to honor and obey God. - ****John 17:3**:** "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." Here, Jesus defines eternal life, and by extension the purpose of life, in terms of knowing God personally.
- 2. **Glorifying God**:** - ****1 Corinthians 10:31**:** "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." This implies that every aspect of life should be lived in a way that honors God.
- 3. **Loving God and Others**:** - ****Matthew 22:37-39**:** Jesus states, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This encapsulates the purpose of life as **loving God and loving others**.
- 4. **Stewardship and Service**:** - The parables of Jesus often highlight themes of stewardship (like the Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14-30) and service (Luke 22:27, where Jesus says he came to serve), suggesting life's meaning involves using one's gifts for good and serving others.

5. ****Salvation and Eternal Life****: - The narrative arc of the Bible, particularly in the New Testament, focuses on salvation through Jesus Christ, leading to eternal life. This suggests that part of life's meaning is to accept this salvation and live in anticipation of eternal life with God.

6. ****Living Righteously****: - Numerous passages, like the Psalms and Proverbs, emphasize living a life of righteousness, justice, and integrity, which can be seen as fulfilling one's purpose according to biblical standards. While these points collectively suggest a multifaceted purpose, the overarching theme is that the meaning of life is found in a relationship with God, through obedience, love, service, and the pursuit of holiness. The Bible frames life's meaning within the context of God's plan for humanity, including redemption and eternal fellowship with Him.