



RUN

Part 3 – Run with Purpose
September 17, 2017

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√ God _____ with a purpose.

√ My _____ will determine my _____.

(Galatians 5:7-8) You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.

Why Do So Few Run with Purpose?

√ _____

(Psalm 18:35b) You stoop down to make me great.

(Ephesians 2:10 NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

(Exodus 6:6b) ...I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.

√ _____

(1 Thessalonians 2:18 NLT) We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us.

(Romans 8:28 NLT) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.

(Romans 11:29 MSG) God's gifts and God's call are under full warranty—never cancelled, never rescinded.

√ _____

(Psalm 37:4-5) Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this:

How Do I Run with Purpose?

(Romans 12:6) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

(1 Corinthians 14:1) Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts.

1. _____ my gift.

(Psalm 139:13-14 NLT) You made all of the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

(Ephesians 1:11-12 MSG) It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.

(Colossians 1:16) For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... Everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.

2. _____ my gift.

(Ephesians 4:7, 11-12) But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it... So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service.

3. _____ my gift.

(1 Peter 4:10 NLT) God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.

(Hebrews 6:10) God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.

My purpose is to _____

by _____

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√ God designed me with a purpose.

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√ Inferiority

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√ Discouragement

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