

# Dear God...

Why are we here?

**1. We were made by God and for God. Therefore, we find meaning and purpose only in Him.**

“The Lord has made everything for His purpose.” (Proverbs 16:4 NLT)

“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.”

(Colossians 1:16 Message)

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for...part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.”

(Ephesians 1:11 Message)

**2. God created us to bring Him glory.**

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

“For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His glory.” (Romans 11:36 NLT)

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31 NLT)

**3. We bring God glory by fulfilling the purposes for which He created us.**

“I brought glory to you here on earth by doing everything you told me to do.”  
(John 17:4 NLT)

a. We bring God glory by worshiping Him. *Think: Worship*

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

(Matthew 22:37-38 NLT)

“Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.”

(Psalm 34:3 NIV)

b. We bring God glory by telling others about Him. *Think: Win*

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

(Matthew 28:19 NLT)

“...as God’s grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.”  
(2 Corinthians 4:15 NLT)

c. We bring God glory by becoming like Jesus. *Think: Disciple*

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6-7 NLT)

“And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more.” (2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT)

d. We bring God glory by serving others with our gifts. *Think: Serve*

“God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT)

e. We bring God glory by loving each other. *Think: Family*

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34-35 NLT)

“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.” (Romans 15:7 NLT)

#### 4. Life is a test, a trust and a temporary assignment.

“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.” (1 Peter 2:11-12 NIV)

“Don’t you realize that, in a race, everyone runs but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So ***I run with purpose in every step***. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.” (1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NLT)