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Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Let us learn the words of life together.

You and I, as the Scriptures say, are "God's workmanship." Because this is true, it means we were created with a purpose—to fulfill a particular role here on earth. When you see a car, you say, "This is a man's work, not a goat's." Since it is man's work, there is a purpose for it—to transport people or goods quickly and efficiently.

Similarly, when you see a house, you recognize it was built for people to rest in—not just made randomly without purpose. Even a bird's nest is crafted by the bird to provide shelter, not to be discarded as trash.

In the same way, we are God's workmanship, created for a

purpose: to do good works. God made us to accomplish His will. No other creature can fulfill this role except humans, made in His image and recreated in Christ.

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## Theological Foundation of Our Purpose

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) makes it clear:

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Here we see several deep theological truths:

1. We are created in Christ Jesus: Our identity is rooted in union with Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are not made perfect by our own effort but by God's grace through Christ.
  2. Created for good works: Good works are not the cause of our salvation but the purpose of it. These works are the fruit that flows from genuine faith (James 2:18).
  3. God prepared these works beforehand: Our good works are part of God's sovereign plan. He has already laid out a path for us to walk in, reflecting His character and advancing His kingdom.
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## Living Out Our Purpose Through Good Works

### 1. Love (Agape Love)

Jesus commands us to love even our enemies, a kind of love that goes beyond natural human affection.

Matthew 5:43-48 (ESV) says:

*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."*

This agape love is unconditional and self-sacrificial, reflecting God's own love (1 John 4:8).

### 2. Holiness

Jesus warned that unless our righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20). This righteousness comes not from legalism but from the transforming work of the Holy Spirit within us (Romans 8:4). We are called to be holy because God is holy (1 Peter 1:16). Sanctification is a lifelong process where we die to sin and live to God.

### 3. Preaching the Gospel

Evangelism is one of the good works God prepared for us. Jesus commissioned His followers to preach the gospel to all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). Sharing the good news is essential to the mission of the Church and our individual calling.

#### 4. Faith

Faith is foundational to pleasing God (Hebrews 11:6). It is by faith that we trust God's promises and power. Genuine faith produces action and perseverance.

#### 5. Prayer

Prayer is our ongoing communication with God, expressing dependence and worship. Jesus Himself prayed often and taught His disciples to pray (Luke 11:1-4). Prayer empowers us to do God's will and aligns our hearts with His.

#### 6. Unity

Jesus prayed for the unity of believers so the world would believe in Him (John 17:21). Unity in the body of Christ is a sign of the Spirit's work and a powerful testimony.

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## Walking in Good Works

To walk in good works means living a life that reflects these realities daily. It is not about occasional acts of kindness but a consistent lifestyle empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We cannot do this by our own strength; it is the Spirit who empowers us to overcome sin and live righteously (Galatians 5:16-17). When we yield to the Spirit, we bear fruit that honors God.

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## Final Encouragement

Remember: You are God's masterpiece, created anew in Christ to do the good works He planned for you long ago. Embrace your identity, live out your purpose, and let your life be a testimony of His transforming power.

2 Timothy 2:20-21 (ESV)

*"In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is*

*dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."*

May the Lord bless and strengthen you as you walk in your divine calling.

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