

**40 Days of Purpose 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
**Week 2 - Planned for God's Pleasure**  
**My First Purpose in Life**

*For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”  
Revelation 4:11b*

*“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38*

**My first purpose in life is to Worship God**

*“I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” Romans 12:1-2*

**I. Worship is my response to God's love.**

**II. Worship is giving back to God.**

*“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.” Mark 12:30*

**God wants me to love him...**

Thoughtfully                      “with my mind”

Enthusiastically                “all my soul, all my mind”

Practically                        “with my strength”

**1. Worship is focusing my attention on God**

*“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.  
<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. <sup>3</sup>You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.”  
Psalm 139:1-3*

*Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Romans 12:1-2*

*“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!” Isaiah 26:3*

**2. Worship is expressing my affection to God**

*“We love each other because he loved us first.” 1 John 4:19*

*“I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.” Hosea 6:6*

*“Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.”  
Romans 6:13*

**3. Worship is using my abilities for God**

*“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.” Colossians 3:23*

*“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.” Romans 12:1*

*“...our goal is to please him.” 2 Corinthians 5:9*