

There has to be more?  
How you can find "it"  
Your "Higher" Purpose



He's not the King of servants,  
He's the King of kings.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.  
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.  
All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Ps 139:15-16 NIV

### Top 10 Symptoms of a Servant Mentality (No Clear Purpose)

**What lack of purpose feels like** – We have all tried to substitute works and religion for what is genuinely in our book. Here's how that looks and feels in 10 symptoms of a servant mentality (a religious spirit).

- 1) **Fear** – I can't think for myself or be responsible as a king who reigns or a master of my own destiny because of my sinful nature. I wait for providence or a spiritual advisor to "tell" me what to do. Fear drains our initiative and keeps us stuck for ultra-long periods, with no clear direction. Servants are not proactive in getting out of their rut. The result is "any-minute" guidance from Holy Spirit on everything and "no personal plan for cashflow" for anything.

**1 Sam. 12:12-13** ...we want a king to rule over us NIV

- 2) **Hyper-spirituality** – I want to see myself as a "priest" who serves, not a "king" who reigns, because God favors "priests" who have a "higher calling." Life *falls-into-place* for them. Dualism emphasizes the priest in me; instead of both king and priest; both wisdom and revelation; both work and flow. Cashflow is neglected, poverty is the result. Servants have not met the spirit of Wisdom.

**James 3:13-14** – *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.* NIV

- 3) **Envy** – Servants long to be like others who have visibility, wealth, or ministry. We are not fully connected with the genius of God's design written in my own heart. Their heart's focus on imitating influencers results in revelation and preaching to others instead of bearing my own fruit.
- 4) **Hamster wheels** – Servants adopt formulas and recipes to live by and love teaching them (the recipes don't work; they are substitutes for initiative and responsibility). Servants become accountability *managers* who pull people out of their hearts into "works," causing eventual burnout and discouragement for everyone.

*"If you don't want the pond to freeze, you have to keep the ducks swimming."*

- 5) **Cerebral vs. Heart** – Servants (orphans) rely on an intellectual connection with their self-made recipes instead of pursuing a heart connection with their Father and themselves.
- 6) **Pulpit Idolatry** – If someone has visibility that triggers my envy, I naturally want to imitate them. Imitating popularity can be dangerous – it's idolatry, especially when your heart desires to be like that person instead of yourself. In the context of a religious spirit, envy is nearly always expressed in a desire to preach to others what is not working yet in my own life.
- 7) **"Home-Run" Mentality** – I'm drawn to "big events" and to collaborate with "big people" to get transformed for high-powered, high-purpose opportunities that will change my life. A servant's essence is the absence of their book (no grasp of the personal race marked out for him/her). It's finding the next big, prophetic thing; making promises and offering strategies that don't bear fruit, resulting in disappointed and disillusioned people.

**Heb. 12:1** – *...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.* NIV

- 8) **Lack of authenticity** – I am supposed to be "good" and "fine" because anything less than "content with my circumstances" is an ungodly attitude. Servants don't express their unhappiness, especially to those in authority over them. Servants don't know their hearts or book. They are not intentionally deceptive, but they cannot be genuine or transparent. Something is always hidden, even from themselves, because it is covered with a self-protective veneer of everything-is-fine.
- 9) **Cashflow** – Managing money or building a credible business or life plan that addresses cashflow is beneath the dignity of spiritual servants – too carnal; God supplies all their needs. They are not motivated to do it and have an undisclosed poverty mentality. Servants expect windfalls, divine appointments, offerings, and miracles, but they will not create value or manage wealth.

**Matt. 25:20-21** – *'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'* ...*You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things...*

- 10) **Longing for more** – Servants know they are created for more, but don't want to presume or pursue greater opportunities. "If God wants something greater for me, He might give it to me if I work hard enough to obey Him." Servants are subject to the Holy Spirit's constant prodding toward their own "book" and calling. God does not give up on them. They know there is more but can't put their finger on it – yet.

**Ps. 63:1** – *my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water* NIV

## How do you know if your purpose is clear?

Life poses many choices and purposes that look good on the outside but may not survive a closer inspection. When Samuel was looking at Jesse's sons to identify the next King (1 Sam. 16:8-13), he went through the whole list and asked if there were any more. When David does show up, Samuel recognized the King. Clarity comes when you see the real thing. You'll know it when you see it. Here are ten things to look for in your purpose.

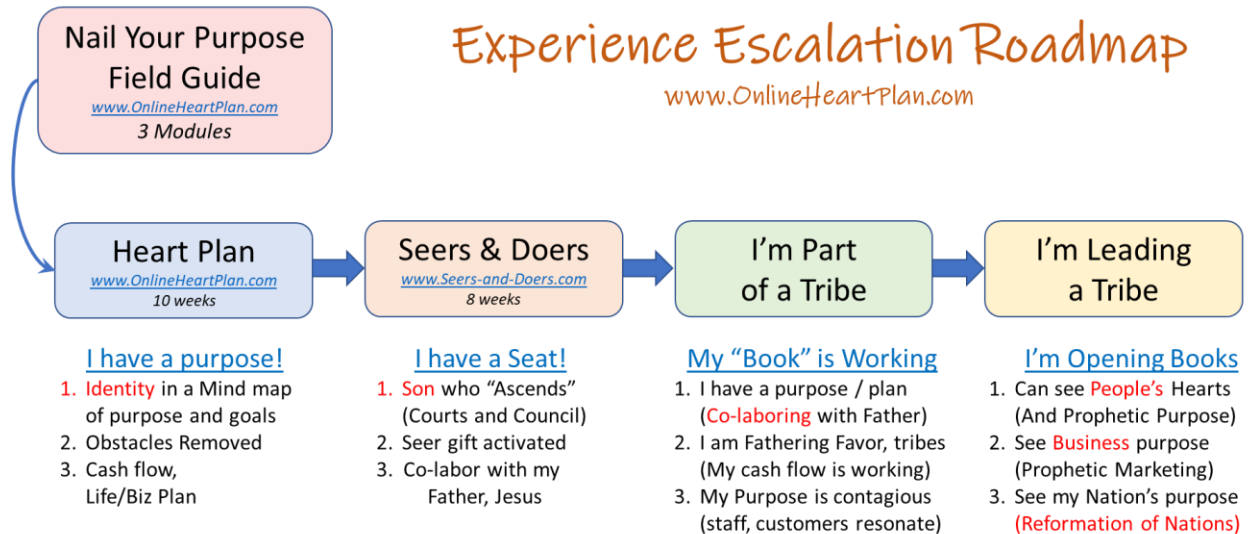
- 1) **It thrills your heart** – Your baby will leap when you first meet your purpose. Purpose is a dating relationship that carries the spark of a potential marriage. It grows over time until you can say, "I was born for this!"
- 2) **It's practical** – Yes, it is a dream that may be presently out-of-reach, but you can imagine all the practical ways to get there. It should be a stretch that requires God's help, but there is also His assurance that this dream will come true.
- 3) **The cash flow works!** – This isn't one of those dream schemes funded with "Other people's money." Your purpose has a component of creating value for others they are grateful for and gladly willing to pay for (or invest in). More at [Scaling Up to a Wealth mentality](#).  
What thrills your heart is getting people results that facilitate their dream, not just satisfying your own soulish ego needs. You will still have ego needs; Father upgrades them to the desires in His heart. You will be zealous (Ps. 69:9, Jn. 2:17). Purpose is what moves you into sonship where you and Father have the same heart!
- 4) **Life is simpler** – when activities and spending are based on your purpose's intentional direction and not the whims of the moment.
- 5) **It's prophetically correct** – You get the sense that what is on your heart is also on your Father's heart. There are confirmations along the way.
- 6) **Other people resonate with it** – your purpose fits you like a glove, and other people can see the "fit." You'll get confirmations that are both practical and prophetic.
- 7) **It grows in your heart** – As time goes by, the wrong thing fades, and the real thing grows. Time itself is one of the most significant confirmations. Your purpose is something you'll give your life to and never run out of gas.
- 8) **Purpose leads** – When you think and act within your purpose, it draws those you are called to serve and lead. You won't need to push or hype with manipulative marketing techniques. Working and living in your purpose speaks for itself; you can be authentically yourself!
- 9) **Your prayer life will be simpler** – Father is all about His will for your life coming to fruition (Matt. 6:10) on earth as it is in heaven. No more need for begging and whining; you will see purpose in heaven first and decree on earth with the authority of a son. Co-laboring with Father in heaven and people on earth to bring yours and their purposes into reality is *Intentional Reformation*.
- 10) **When you do it** – the final confirmation comes when you put your hand to the plow. Your purpose will bear fruit (it will also draw warfare, but you can discern the difference). There is an anointing on purpose that gets results. You can feel it, and others can see it. At some point, your heart will admit, "I was born for this." Your dream will carry you through thrilling successes and tumultuous warfare. Neither will derail your direction.

## What's Next?

If you don't have a purpose and mind map, we created some exercises to clarify your why in the [Nail Your Purpose Field Guide](#). Here is the promise:

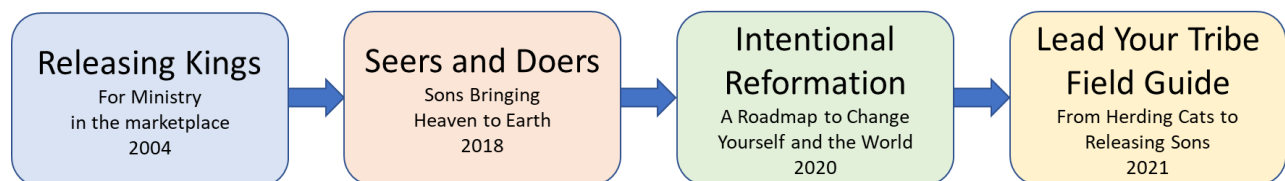
- **For you** - Getting connected with the purpose God wrote in your heart is what unlocks the lion it takes to make your dream come true.
- **For your Tribe** - Guiding your tribe of friends, employees, or coworkers to their purpose is a key that liberates the motivation God wired into their heart. They will love you for it.

**Want more?** – We help people get connected with their own hearts and ultimately to leading their own tribe. Take the leap and invest in your purpose. These are the tools we use to help people; 1) connect with what God wrote in their heart, and 2) take the steps to make that dream a plan, then a reality.



My biggest why is not selling books or courses, or gathering people around my point of view, or even going to heaven. My biggest thrill is doing what my Father is doing right now. He's working on a Reformation. Everything else fits under that umbrella. It's a big tent and you're invited!

There are also a series of books available on Amazon by John Garfield that parallel the graphic above. They parallel the story of my own journey (and yours).



## Where Do I Start ?

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