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Purpose Pt 1 purpose in your heart to obey the scriptures.

Today we begin a new study on the topic of "purpose". This first part we have titled – Purpose in your heart to obey the scriptures, and we will establish four points from the word of God – (1) We conceive a purpose in our heart and spirit, (2) Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself, and (3) David purposed that his mouth would not transgress the Lord, and (4) believers in the early church purposed in their heart to cleave unto the Lord.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. We conceive a purpose.

"Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the Lord; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you" (Jer.49: 30).

And when a purpose is conceived it brings forth an action – when lust is conceived it brings forth sin (Jam.1: 15).

a) We conceive a purpose in our heart (Acts 11:23), and b) in our spirit (Acts 19: 21).

2. Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself.

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" (Dan.1: 8).

3. David purposed that his mouth would not transgress the Lord.

"Thou hast proved **mine heart**...I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress" (Ps.17: 3).

4. Believers were counselled to purpose their heart to cleave unto God.

"Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23).

Additional information

To purpose something, we plan for it, allocate time to do it, and then set our life around it as a priority.

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

On Friday night a fellow soldier told me of his sadness at those he has lead to the Lord but then heard nothing from – no indication of them being a brother in Christ.

Question to think about.

Keeping this topic in the forefront of our mind, why do some say they believe in their heart, confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus yet appear to fall away so quickly.

Our answer from the scriptures.

People fall away because they have believed in vain, the seed sown falls on stony ground, and others among thorns (Matt.13: 7), and the enemy takes the seed away. But if they have not believed in vain and have the scripture of truth, and received counsel to purpose in their heart to abide in God, then the rest is up to them and God. The scriptures say that every purpose is established by counsel (Prov.20: 18). So let us exhort each other to purpose in their heart to obey the scripture – by planning our day, allocating time with God and so make Him the priority in our life!