

## Care Ministries: A Gateway to Evangelism

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Matthew 25:34-40

34) *Then the King will say to those on his right, "Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation.*

35-36) *And here's why:*

*" I was hungry and you fed me  
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,  
I was homeless and you gave me a food,  
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,  
I was sick and you stopped to visit,  
I was in prison and you came to me."*

37) *Then those sheep are going to say, "Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink?"*

38-39) *And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?"*

40) *Then the King will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me--you did it to me."*

Mankind has always searched for the "purpose" of their lives and how they can make a difference. What is it God wants me to do in the body of Christ? Being here must mean something; he asks, "What is my purpose in God's Plan?"

### **I. God Has A Purpose For Everything.**

- A. Everything has its time. *"Everything on earth has its own time and its own season."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (CEV)
- B. God always has a purpose
- C. God has meaning in everything He does; a purpose in everything He has prepared for us.

## **II. God Has A Purpose For Each Of Us.**

- A. God has a “purpose” for our lives.
- B. He wants us to make a difference in the world.
- C. Our “goals” and “purposes” need to be planned.

We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.  
Proverbs 16:9(NLT)

## **III. Knowing The Plan**

- A. The purpose behind the plan.
- B. Be prepared to change your plan, not your purpose.
- C. Keeping a clear focus on our purpose.
- D. Birth, Death and Fulfillment of the vision.

## **IV. God's Purpose For Care Ministry**

- A. God's timing for your purpose.

*“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise for Jews from elsewhere, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion?”*

Esther 4:14 (AB)

- B. We have come into the Kingdom for such a time as this.
- C. Reaching out to humanity is a 'Gateway to Evangelism'.
- D. The goal -- Using Care Ministries to reach the lost.

*“Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One) ... .”*

Philippians 3:8 (AB)

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” Proverbs 12:13*