

The Power of a Purpose

The Value of a Statement of Purpose

A stated purpose will:

1. Motivate us.
2. Keep our priorities right.
3. Develop our potential.
4. Give us the power to live in the present.
5. Produce high morale in our lives.
6. Help us minister more effectively.
7. Help us evaluate our progress.

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“ To Impact People for Christ ”

Through:

Celebration: Worshiping God

Cultivation: Growing in Christ

Communication: Touching Our World

With a primary mission to draw hundreds of families and friends into the body of Christ to become active, committed members who witness and minister to the people of greater Guelph.

Our Purpose Scripturally

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The Personality of Our Purpose

1. Our Climate. (the atmosphere here)

- Active — moving, on fire
- Attractive — right attitudes: toward God, ourselves, and others
- Encouraging — edifying, accepting, admonishing (Hebrews 10:25)
- Ministering — to all who enter our lives (not just those who enter our doors)

2. Our Commitment.

- To the unsaved — to share with them the love of Jesus.
- To believers — to consecration & a Spirit-filled life.
- To the body — to preparing you for Christian service. Discipling, finding your gifts, living the Word.

3. Our Centre. Jesus Christ!

- Disciples of Christ.
- Preachers and doers of the Gospel of Christ.
- Worshipers of Christ.

Does Our Purpose (Reason for Being) Pass These Tests?

Test # 1. The Glory Test. God will get the glory!

Test # 2. The Gumption Test. We will meet the needs around us!

Test # 3. The Gift Test. All will have opportunities to use their gifts.

Closing Thought

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