

Acts 18

Living with Purpose

Acts 2 – Church established
Acts 4 – Church expands
Acts 5 – Church purified

Acts 9 – Paul converted
Acts 10 – Cornelius converted
Acts 13 – Antioch sends out missionaries

Acts 15 – Jerusalem Council affirms Gentiles
Acts 17 – Paul perseveres in his mission
Acts 18 – God brings fruit & laborers

Three truths to keep you from wandering from God's purpose for your life

1) Your pain has _____, not always perceived (Acts 18:1-3)

Romans 8:28 » And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good

Genesis 50:20 » you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good

1 Peter 3:14-15 » But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts

1 Peter 4:19 » those who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right

2) Your job is a _____, not the purpose (Acts 18:18-19)

Romans 16:3-5 » Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, · who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; · also *greet* the church that is in their house.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 » But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Ephesians 4:28 » Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Galatians 6:10 » So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Rome →49 AD

Corinth 49-52AD

Ephesus 52-55AD

Rome 56-?? AD

Ephesus ??-67→ AD

3) Your ministry may be _____, not public (Acts 18:24-28)

1 Corinthians 12:7,11 » But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ... ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

1 Corinthians 12:21-22 » And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

Romans 12:10 » *Be* devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor

Matthew 6:1 » Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.



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