

Be a Man of Purpose

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The Apostle Paul in his epistles revealed himself to be a man marked by intensity of purpose. Being filled and controlled by the Spirit of God, he embraced the purpose of God. Here in the actual words of scripture are some of the deep longings of his heart.

"**That I may know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death" (Phil. 3: 10).

"**That I may** apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3: 12).

"I am made all things to all men, **that I might** by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9: 22).

"I long to see you, **that I may impart** unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established" (Rom. 1: 11).

What are the objects that we set before us in our lives? Are we anything like the Apostle Paul? Or do we fritter away our lives, pursuing little objects of pleasure, or of present and temporal gain in the world? Let us each seriously consider this matter.