

Living With Purpose: Formed for God's Family

“Because God is love, He treasures relationships. His very nature is relational, and He identifies Himself in family terms: Father, Son, and Spirit...God has always existed in loving relationship to Himself, so He has never been lonely. He didn't *need* a family - He desired one, so He devised a plan to create us, bring us into His family, and share with us all He has.” - Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

What disposition do I picture God having when He looks at me?

How do I think God sees me?

What do I think God feels when He thinks of me?

Matthew 3:17 (NLT) ...“This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

How do I fit in and grow as a part of God's family? (Galatians 3:23-4:5 NLT)

1. Find _____ and _____ in God's family. (Galatians 3:24b-27 NLT)

a. Let God **free me** from the need to **achieve**. (Galatians 4:4-5 NLT)

“Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the “Beloved.” Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence.” - Henri Nouwen

What are ways we “self-reject?”

2. Step into the reality of being _____, not just _____. (Galatians 4:7 NLT)

a. Take God up on the invitation to call Him, “**Dad**.” (Galatians 4:6 NLT)

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” - A.W. Tozer

b. Learn the values, possibilities, and responsibilities of the family.

God's delight in us fuels and inspires our obedience to Him.

"Immaturity is wanting the privileges of adulthood without the responsibilities that come with it."

c. Pray to God like He's your dad. (Luke 11:13 NIV)

What's stopping you?