

The Objective

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I. Introduction.

A. Christians fake each other out because of fear and people will not let you have a problem. (Proverbs 18)

B. Text: Matthew 25:24ff.

C. We need to be doing certain things with what God has given us. We will answer someday for what God has given us.

II. God's objective: to have all men saved from self and judgment for a life of meaning and purpose and come to a knowledge of his truth. (Romans 10:13)

III. Why God created man: to glorify God and be in fellowship with him. (Isaiah 43; 1 Corinthians 1:9)

IV. How God intends to accomplish his objective.

A. By sending Jesus to live a perfect life and satisfy judgment.

B. Jesus' objective is the same as God's. (Luke 19:10)

C. Our objective is the same as Jesus' objective.

D. God chooses to use Spirit filled men.

1. The Spirit teaches us.

2. The Spirit guides us. (Romans 8:14)

3. The Spirit prays for us. (Romans 8:26)

4. The Spirit convicts us of sin. (John 16)

5. The Spirit helps us in walking in victory. (Galatians 5:16)

6. The Spirit is the instrument of witness. (Acts 1:8)

7. The Spirit glorifies Jesus. (John 16:14)

8. The Spirit bears fruit in us. (Galatians 5:22-23)

V. Hindrances.

A. Man's free will. (Isaiah 64:6)

B. The blindness of many.

C. Pride.

VI. How we fit in.

- A. We are all God has to work with.
- B. God has given us the privilege of being used by him.
- C. When we make ourselves available to God, we become the final translation of the Bible.
(2 Peter 1:10; 2 Corinthians 13:5; John 12:32; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 12:14; 2 Corinthians 7:1)
- D. Things that are true of people equipped by God.
 - 1. They know the objective.
 - 2. They are skilled to accomplish it.
 - 3. They are committed to accomplishing it.
- E. Only the Word of God and people will last forever.

Application questions:

1. What is God's objective? What is our relationship to it?

2. How can you better be involved in accomplishing God's objective for it?

3. What would a life mission statement look like for you in light of God's objective? Explain.
