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Proverbs 20:5 (ESV)-The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Written by Peter
- Written in the 1 st Century
- Written to a persecuted church

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## 1. The People

I Peter 2:9a (ESV)-But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession...

## 2. THE PROCLAMATION

I Peter 2:9b(ESV)- ...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

## 3. THE PASSIONS

I Peter 2:11(ESV)- Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

## 4. The Purpose

I Peter 2:12 (ESV)- Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

## Life Application Section

## A. Purpose brings Meaning to life.

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)-And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."
B. Purpose brings Simplicity to life.

Proverbs 19:21 (ESV)-Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.
C. Purpose brings Focus to life.

I Peter 2:21 (ESV)-For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.
D. Purpose brings Enjoyment to life.

Romans 8:28 (ESV)- "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Here Is The Point: Let us strive to live our purpose in 2023...

