

BE FOCUSED

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

❖ Focus on WHY you are...

*It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.*

Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)

1. I was created to be LOVED BY GOD.

*Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.*

Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

2. I was created to have a RELATIONSHIP with GOD.

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."*

Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

3. I was created to LIVE FOREVER with God.

*For we know that when this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.*

2 Corinthians 5:1 (TEV)

❖ Focus on WHO you are...

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

1. I have been ADOPTED into the FAMILY of God.

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

1 John 3:1 (NIV)

2. I have BECOME a CITIZEN of Heaven.

*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...*

Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

3. I have been COMMISSIONED to help in the FAMILY BUSINESS.

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

❖ Focus on WHAT you are...

*"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."*

John 17:18 (NIV)

1. I am an AMBASSADOR for Jesus.

*We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, "Be reconciled to God!"*

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

2. I am called to do GOOD WORKS for Jesus.

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

3. I am a MESSENGER of LOVE from Jesus.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."*

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

❖ Closing Challenge: Are you living up to the EXPECTATIONS God has for you?