



In [Proverbs 19:21](#), we read some really wise words: “Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the _____ of the LORD that will stand.”

Our Creator has **PURPOSES**. Purposes are the reasons **WHY**, and “the LORD has made everything for its purpose” ([Proverbs 16:4](#)).

One of the most important things we can do is slow down every once in a while and ask, “**What’s MY purpose? What does God want ME to be?**” There are lots of ways to answer that question.

Last week we learned that God wants me to be a **magnifier** of his **name** so that others can see through me, “**God is great.**” But God also wants me to be a

_____ of his **character**. That’s a really big part of what it means to be created “in the image of God” ([Genesis 1:26-27](#)) and to be “holy” as he is “holy” ([1 Peter 1:14-16](#)).

In [1 Timothy 4:12](#), the apostle Paul encouraged Timothy to “set the believers an example” in:

- **Speech:** what I _____
- **Conduct:** how I _____
- **Love:** how I _____
- **Faith:** what I _____
- **Purity:** _____ I am

God wants me and you to be: **models** of his **character** for other people to see. In fact, that’s how Jesus described discipleship ([Luke 6:40](#)).

What’s my purpose? To live in a way that others might see what is true: “**God is** _____.”



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We heard Mr. Jason read [1 Timothy 4:12](#):



Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Let's talk about that! What's it going to look like for **YOU** to be a good example in:

● **Speech**: what you **say**?

● **Conduct**: how you **act**?

● **Love**: how you **treat**?



● **Faith**: what you **believe**?

● **Purity**: **who** you are?

How can we “practice” and “train” ourselves to be good examples ([1 Timothy 4:7-8, 15](#))?

Who do you know that **NEEDS** the good example God is calling you to be?