



DIVERSITY FRIDAY

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PURPOSE

We would like to start this week's edition of Diversity Friday by discussing one of the most important persons in the Bible, namely the Apostle Paul. It is our hope that all those who are Christians will forgive any mistakes we make in attempting to understand this amazing leader. These great leaders that we read of in the Bible, are undoubtedly a moral compass in life; our moral identity is formed by them - we find the framework of life in these leaders. According to the Holy Book Paul went through many challenges in his life, but he, nevertheless, displayed an attitude of conquest, of joy and peace and of ministry. **We need to ask ourselves: What is our purpose in a diverse country such as South Africa?**

**IF YOU CAN'T
FIGURE OUT YOUR
PURPOSE,
FIGURE OUT YOUR
PASSION.
FOR YOUR PASSION
WILL LEAD YOU
DIRECTLY TO YOUR
PURPOSE.**

Let us take look at the Book of Philippians, Chapter 1:12-18. Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter to his fellow brethren. Despite his circumstances he continued with his mission; his **purpose**! We are all here for a reason; we have a purpose, we just need to find out what it is!

Paul was the type of man who never drifted from his mission. He was determined to leave his mark wherever he went. George Washington Carver wrote, *"No individual has any right to come into the world and then go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it."* Remember the Pebble test?

How did Paul's sense of purpose keep him going even as he sat in prison? What lessons did he learn behind those bars? One of the greatest lessons we can learn from such a remarkable moral leader is that:

Purpose will keep you motivated. Try to find your purpose, and if you can't then find your passion; for your passion will always lead to your purpose - then, see how your life will change.

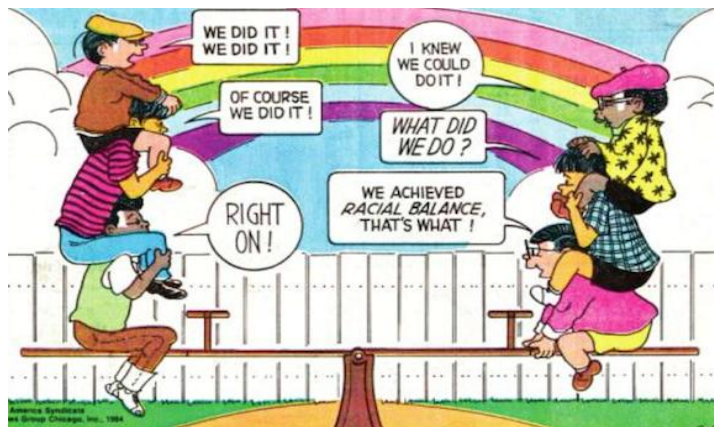
Purpose will help you keep your priorities straight.

Purpose will develop your potential.

Purpose will give you the power to live in the present.

Purpose will help you to evaluate your progress.

Oom Andries shared the following picture to demonstrate his purpose:



You know, I really enjoy visiting Oom Andries because he is very skilled in all ways of life and he always has an answer or a solution to whatever dilemma I may be in; even something as small as a headache or a mosquito problem.

"As jy nou happen to walk in die veld en all of a sudden kry jy 'n hoofpyn moet jy net soek na 'n wildetwaksboom (NOT the same as cigarettes of commercial tabacco colleagues) en dan pluk jy van die se blare en pak jou hoed se bol vol daarvan. Dan sit jy jou hoed weer op jou kop en voila, jouse headache is weg! En as jy en jou pëlle nou

een aand 'n lekka vleisie braai en die maskiete wil jou opeet, dan moet jy so paar bloekom blare op die kole gooi. Dan sal die maskiete iemand anders gaan pla en jy en jou pëlle kan in vrede verder braai."

This is very good advice from Oom Andries, but I would like to recommend that you only try the headache technique when you are in the field, because if you walk in town with a head full of leaves, I can promise you that people are going to look at you in a funny way and the comedians among them will have a mouthful to say...

The only problem with the mosquito cure is that you will end up smelling like Vicks Vaporub! But who really cares if that means you can enjoy your braai and food in peace?



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