

Peniel Goes To The Movies

Groundhog Day: How To Find Purpose In This World

1. Understand _____

a) The path _____

Philippians 2:3-4 *Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*

b) The path _____

1 Timothy 5:6 *But the widow who lives only for pleasure is spiritually dead even while she lives.*

Matthew 16:23 *You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's.*

2. Let pain _____

Matthew 16:24 *If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?*

3. _____

a) Realize God _____

Psalms 16:11 *You show me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy, in Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

b) Remember God created _____

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

c) I pursue my _____

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Am I Selfish?

Selfish is defined as being concerned excessively or exclusively with oneself: seeking or concentrating on one's own advantage, pleasure, or well-being without regard for others. (Author unknown)

- You are easily offended (Jesus wasn't)
- You have a "never enough" mindset
- Your mood shifts based on the opinions of others
- You think God needs you to hold it together so you act perfect. You don't show pain or weakness. Nothing around you can fail. No messes.
- You have few meaningful friends
- You are your own worst critic
- You do not practice gratitude
- You are neither compassionate or empathetic
- You have been accused of using people

- Am I trying to find pleasure apart from God?
- Do I believe the greatest pleasure I could have in life could be found in God?

1 Timothy 6:17 *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

Luke 8:14 *And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.*

Titus 3:14 *Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.*