



CHAPTER 5 – SECTION B

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PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE

The Purpose Series

One life, one purpose...Your purpose in life is specific and significant, but it will always be part of a bigger plan. This workshop will help you gain knowledge about that bigger plan, help you to understand your part in that plan and enable you to fulfil your purpose. It will provide you with tools, **based on the Word of God**, to not only overcome your current and future challenges but also help you become a solution to those around you.

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CHAPTER 5: PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE

SECTION B: UNDERSTANDING THE WAY GOD FUNCTIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- This course is all about activation. It must move every person to action. The function of this course is to help people live and fulfil their purpose.
- This course is here to help people in many different ways. The tools they will be provided with, will be explained throughout the content.
- This course is strategic. Whether we call it *equipping of the Saints*, or *discipleship*, one of the flaws of many processes is that it makes people dependent on the person helping them.
- The focus of this course is to make people independent yet interconnected. This is critical to understand!

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS COVERED IN THIS SECTION:

- The way God functions
- Seek first the Kingdom of God
- God is light, in Him is no darkness
- Work out your own salvation
- YouTube Video – **Chapter 5 section B** (duration 33 minutes)
<https://youtu.be/AFcyb6PCL6M>

1. THE WAY GOD FUNCTIONS

Key points:

1. It's important to understand the **way** that God functions.
2. There's a playing field in which God functions. His character is life, love, light, grace and favour.
3. There is no solution other than the Word of God and the Spirit of God. We need both.
4. God has put spiritual laws in place. Just as the law of gravity works, so too do spiritual laws work.
5. There's a spiritual world, a realm, which is represented by those laws.
6. These laws are not separate from God, in the same way the Word of God is not separate from God.
7. The Spirit of God comes and manifests reality. He has no need to create anything; He just manifests a superior reality in this earth.
8. Everything God gives us, is in the format of seed – as an opportunity.
9. The way to love God and to receive His love, is to be able to choose.
10. The way for Him to manifest what He wants to do in your life, is by offering you an opportunity.
11. That opportunity is every Word of God and has the ability to manifest itself.
12. When we align ourselves with, and tap into the way in which God functions, we can manifest those things in our lives.

2. SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Key Points:

1. There are many who call themselves Christians who are struggling due to a total lack of knowledge.
2. People don't know who God is nor do they know His character. They don't know that things that are happening in their lives are caused by satan.
3. Even a miracle doesn't necessarily cause radical change in people's lives; it may still not lead them do the things that God created them for.
4. It's about perception of value, perception of significance and importance of what God has entrusted to us. (Refer to the illustration of the ice cream vs the cash in town 500km away)
5. Do not wait for a crisis in your life before you decide that God is the answer. He wants you to grow into maturity and journey with Him.
6. It is our responsibility to grow.
7. God has a plan for your life, and He knows what's coming. He wants to bring you into the position of maturity, so you'll be able to withstand your challenges, and focus on others.
8. The Holy Spirit stirs up the perception of value in our hearts, with what God has put in our hearts.
9. Look at Matthew 6:33 – what we are seeking is the reality, the presence, and the ability of God, and manifesting Him in this earth.
10. We have a responsibility as far as the Word and the Spirit is concerned to be able to seek His Kingdom.
11. Apart from the process of becoming born again and being filled with the Spirit, the next most significant event in the life of a Christian, is the day someone decides that God is the number one priority in their life and they're willing to live for Him, whatever it takes.
12. If we continue to function with our own intellect, we will not be able to respond to Him.
13. The way to love God is through loving other people.
14. There are things we will not see in our own lives, until we help others realise them in their lives. This is just the way God designed it.

3. GOD IS LIGHT, IN HIM THERE IS NO DARKNESS

Key points:

1. We have to live and function from within the Light.
2. Seek the light in the Word, fellowship with the Spirit and fellowship with people who love Jesus and purposefully make Him a priority in their lives.
3. God is light and in Him is no darkness – seeking and manifesting His Kingdom reflects this.
4. The presence of God is righteousness – aim to establish His righteousness in this earth.
5. When we come to maturity and manifest the presence of God in this earth, we will be able to stand against the brokenness of this world.
6. Understanding how God functions, through His presence, to the extent that we can manifest Him, is key to avoiding these worldly challenges.
7. We have a choice. We either choose to function from within God, seated in Christ Jesus, at the right hand of the Father, or we choose to function in this world.
8. If people don't have the life of God inside of them, they're unable to function differently.
9. We need to place ourselves within Him continuously.

4. WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION

Key points:

- 1) We need to come to the realisation that it requires action on our part in order to be in the light and to function from within that light.
- 2) Every one of us has the responsibility to work out our own, individual salvation.
- 3) Salvation is much more than becoming born again – it's also about manifesting the presence of God.
- 4) Pray and thank God daily for stirring up the desire in you.

Scriptures

Psalms 103:7 (NKJV)

*He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.*

John 6:63 (NKJV)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Hebrews 4:2 (NKJV)

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Hosea 4:6 (NKJV)

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.*

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

John 14:17 (NKJV)

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

1 Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV)

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Philippians 1:15-18 (NKJV)

15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: 16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; 17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

1 John 1:5-9 (NKJV)

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Isaiah 60:1-3 (NKJV)

*¹ Arise, shine;
For your light has come!
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.
² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the Lord will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
³ The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Philippians 2:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.