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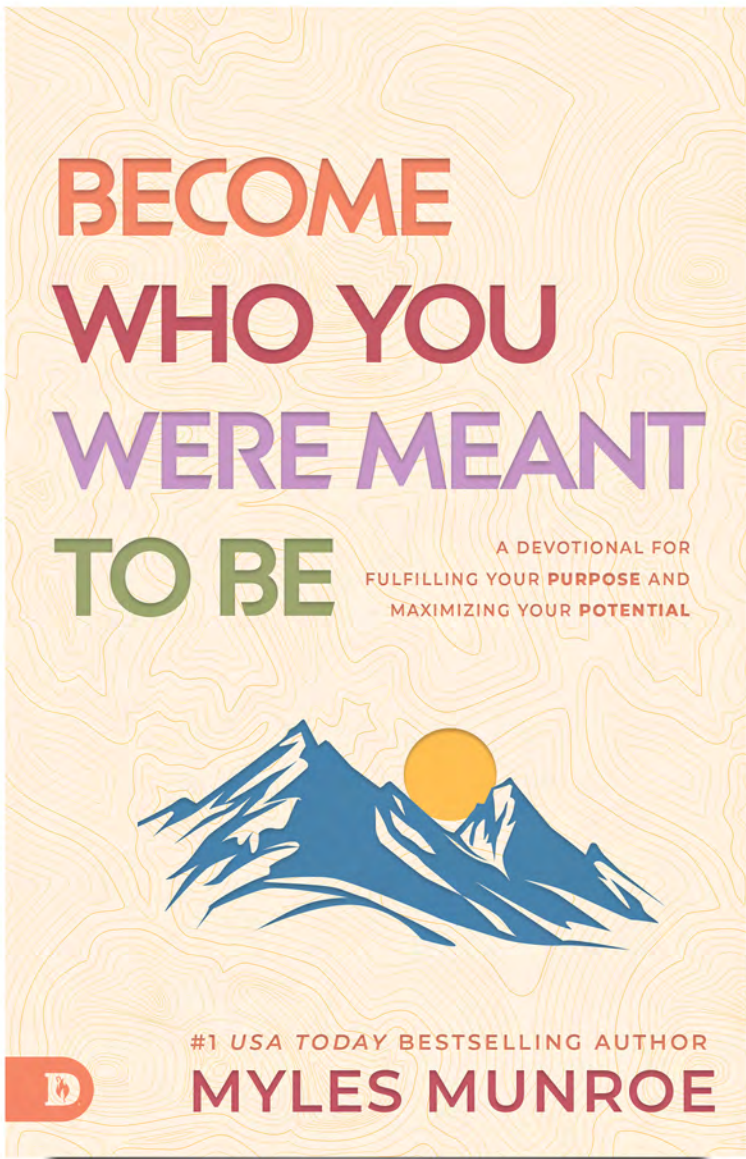
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Introduction

YOUR PURPOSE AND YOUR POTENTIAL

Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come (2 Corinthians 5:5 NIV).

The potential of everything is related to its purpose for being. Before we can understand the potential of a thing or person, we first must know the conditions under which it was meant to exist. Thus the most important thing for you and me, as human beings, is to try and find out for the rest of our lives what is the purpose for everything in life. That is our main goal. Unless we ask ourselves, “What is the purpose for everything in life?” we will die without having experienced the potential of everything. We will miss the wisdom of God in creation.

In 1 Corinthians, the apostle Paul describes the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of God:

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher

of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles (1 Corinthians 1:20-23 NIV).

When somebody tells you they are wise, don't get carried away. Although they may have wisdom, it might not be the right kind of wisdom.

Not only did God carefully plan for the details of your life, He also determined how your life would fit into His total plan for humankind. Part of the answer to the why of our birth is revealed in God's desire that we should show forth His glory. The glory of God is the excess of His nature. It's all the potential of our omnipotent God that has not yet been revealed. He's full of so much more than we can think or imagine and He's waiting to use us to realize our purpose and potential.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV).

Throughout the Bible, God tells us to make His name great in the earth. Praise and thanks are due God's name, which is great and awesome (see Psalm 44:8; 99:3). His name is to be proclaimed among the nations (see Malachi 1:11) as well as in Israel (see Psalm 76:1). His name is holy (see Luke 1:49; Psalm 99:3) and mighty in power (see Jeremiah 10:6). Everything is done for "His name's sake." To understand this concept, we must also understand that the Hebrew concept of "name" literally is synonymous with the object. In other words, the name of the thing is the thing. Therefore, the name of God is Himself, and He is His name. To glorify His name, then, means exposing His nature.

God created *you* to bring glory to His name. His predestined plan for *your* life was designed to bring Him glory. He knows there is more to you than we can see because He placed part of Himself in you. His plan for your life is part of His creative work—through you God wants to continue the birth of His potential. Because you share God's omnipotent nature, Jesus said you can do even greater things than He did, if you only believe:

I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, "May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea," and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart (Mark 11:23 NLT).



The content in this devotional has been specially selected from Dr. Munroe's book *Living with Purpose*, which has touched the hearts, minds, and spirits of people worldwide.

This devotional includes comments and questions to stir up latent events or situations that may be holding you back spiritually, physically, relationally, mentally, and emotionally from being the person you were born to be.

There are no exams to test your memory or your intellectual ability. Rather, on every page there are questions and prompts referring to the book's excerpts and relevant Scripture passages—all of which are designed to bring to light your purpose and potential, your true and God-given exceptionalism.

Don't breeze through this devotional. Take time to partner with the Holy Spirit and you will discover dreams, ambitions, secrets, desires, fears, talents, love, and the person God created you to be.

This interactive devotional immerses you into a world where God's powerful wisdom infuses you as never before. You will gain the strength to solve problems, turn situations around, and learn how to make wise decisions concerning your purpose and potential. Seriously considering and answering the prompts on each page will no doubt stir, motivate, strengthen, and give you pause for intentional, deep reflection—going places within where you have not, until now, dared to venture.

Get ready to experience a new joy and strength that will change your life as you succeed in fulfilling your potential and living your purpose—as you run with the grace of God.

TRUE PURPOSE AND FULL POTENTIAL

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them (Romans 8:28 NLT).

It is a tragedy to know that with more than 7 billion people on this planet today, only a tiny percentage of those individuals will experience a significant fraction of their true purpose and potential. Perhaps you are a candidate for contributing to the wealth of the cemetery? Your purpose was not given for you to deposit in the grave. You must understand the tremendous potential you possess and commit yourself to maximizing it in your short lifetime. What is potential, anyway?

Potential is dormant ability, reserved power, untapped strength, unused success, hidden talents, capped capability. All you can be but have not yet become—all you can do but have not yet done, how far you can reach but have not yet reached, what you can accomplish but have not yet accomplished. Potential is unexposed ability and latent power.

Your potential is therefore not what you have done, but what you are yet able to do. In other words, what you have done is no longer your potential. What you have successfully accomplished is no longer potential. It is said that unless you do something beyond what you have done, you will never grow or experience your full potential, never fulfill your purpose. Potential demands that you never settle for what you have accomplished.

One of the great enemies of your potential is success. To realize your full potential, you must never be satisfied with your last accomplishment. It is also important that you never let what you *cannot do* interfere with what you *can do*. The greatest tragedy in life is not death, but a life that never realized its full purpose. You must decide today not to rob the world of the rich, valuable, potent, untapped resources locked away within you. *Purpose and potential never have a retirement plan.*



When I think about “my purpose in life,” the first thought that comes to mind is:

Do I actually have “rich, valuable, potent, and untapped resources,” skills, and talents within me? What could they be? My best guesses right now are:

THE POTENTIAL PRINCIPLE

The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one (Matthew 13:38 NLT).

To understand your potential, let's look at one of the most powerful elements in nature—the seed. If I held a seed in my hand and asked you, “What do I have in my hand?” what would you say? Perhaps you would answer what seems to be the obvious—a seed. However, if you understand the nature of a seed, your answer would be *fact* but not *truth*.

The truth is I hold a forest in my hand. Why? Because in every seed there is a tree, and in every tree there is fruit or flowers with seeds in them. And these seeds also have trees that have fruit that have seeds...that have trees that have fruit that have seeds, and so on. In essence, *what you see is not all there is. That is potential. Not what is, but what could be.*

God created everything with potential, including you. He placed the seed of each thing within itself (see Genesis 1:12), and planted within the humans He created

the ability to be much more than they are at any one moment. Thus, everything in life has potential.

And it is also true that nothing in life is instant. People think miracles are instant, but they really are not. They are a process that has been sped up. Nothing God created is instant, because God does not operate in the instant. He is the God of the potential principle. Everything begins as potential.

He did not create a ready-made human race—the earth was not given an instant population. God made one person—not a million people. He started with one seed. Then from that one He created another. Then He said to those seeds, “Bless you (that means, ‘You have My permission’). Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.”

In Adam, God gave the earth a seed with the potential of one, one hundred, one thousand, one million—the 7 billion people on the earth today were in that one man’s seed. God knew that in Adam and Eve there were enough people to fill the earth. That’s the way God works. He knows the potential principle because He introduced it. It is Him.



THE POTENTIAL PRINCIPLE

What am I in this moment? Do I tend to want everything in an instant? Coffee, text response, food delivery...?

Am I excited about the process of becoming what I was born to be, knowing that God planted good seed in me?

GO FOR IT!

Whatever you do, do well. For when you go to the grave, there will be no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom (Ecclesiastes 9:10 NLT).

I am convinced that our Creator never intended for us to be normal—that is, to get lost in the crowd of “the norm.” This is evidenced by the fact that among the 7 billion people on this planet, no two individuals are alike; their fingerprints, genetic code, and chromosome combinations are all distinct and unique. In reality, God created all people to be originals, but we continue to become copies of others. Too often we are so preoccupied with trying to fit in that we never stand out.

You were designed to be distinctive, special, irreplaceable, and unique, so refuse to be “normal”! Go beyond average! Don’t strive to be accepted, rather strive to be yourself. Shun the minimum; pursue the maximum. Utilize all your functions—maximize yourself! Use yourself up for the glory of your Creator. *I admonish you: Die empty. Die fulfilled by dying unfilled.*

This devotional is written for the “normal” person who wants to exceed the norm. It is for the “ordinary”

individual who has determined to be “extra-ordinary.” It is for the individual just like you who knows that somewhere deep inside, there is still so much you have not released: so much yet to do, so much left to expose, so much to maximize.

Live life with all your might; give it all you have. Do it until there is nothing left to do because you have become all you were created to be, done all you were designed to do, and given all you were sent to give. Be satisfied with nothing less than your best.



How preoccupied am I with trying to fit in?

Do I even try to stand out? Stand out as a person of principle and integrity? Stand out as someone who looks to God for direction rather than the popular crowd of the moment?

WHAT'S IN YOUR PACKAGE?

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well (Romans 12:6 NLT).

Perhaps you are wasting your life doing nothing with all you have. God packaged things in you for the good of the world—use them. We will never know the wealth God planted in you until you open the package. There's always something in you that we haven't yet seen because that's the way God thinks.

Release your ability before you die. Use the power and strength within you for the good of yourself and others. I believe there are books, songs, art works, businesses, poems, inventions, and investments in you that God intended for my children to enjoy. Don't give up until you have lived out the full extent of your potential, because *you have no right to die with my things*. Don't rob the next generation of the wealth, treasure, and tremendous gifts buried deep within you.

Don't accept your present state in life as final, because it is just that—a state. Don't be satisfied with your last accomplishment, because there are many accomplishments yet to be perfected. Since you are full of potential,

you should not be the same person next year that you are this year.

Never accept success as a lifestyle—but as a phase. Never accept an accomplishment as the end—but as a mark in the process. Because you are God's offspring, there are many selves within you that lie dormant, untapped, and unused.

Our primary problem is that you don't think like God does. God is always looking for what is not yet visible. He expects to find inside each person and thing He created more than is evident on the outside.



When I read that “there are books, songs, art works, businesses, poems, inventions, and investments” that God placed in me, I felt something stir inside. I think it was:

How many selves are there in me? I never thought of that before, but I'd like to name some of them now, which may include: my artsy self, my engineering self, my self who likes to invent new ways of doing things, my...

THE INVISIBLE BECOMES VISIBLE

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible (Hebrews 11:3 NIV).

In the beginning, God formed the universe at His command. He spat them out—poof! From the invisible came the visible. Things that are seen came from things that were unseen.

God always had everything in Him, but we couldn't see it. All we now see was once in an invisible state. Everything that humankind has ever seen first existed in an invisible state. (Please note that invisible does not mean nonexistent.)

All the buildings we see and the businesses we frequent—people making money and investing money—all that began as ideas. We couldn't see them because they were in somebody's mind. The stores where we shop, also everything on the shelves and racks in those stores, began as ideas in someone's mind. They didn't exist

before, yet they did. Although they weren't present in their current form, they existed as lumber and concrete and nails, cotton and wool and flax, steel and pulleys and motors.

Everything starts in the invisible state. Everything we now see used to be unseen. In the beginning there was only God. At creation the entire unseen universe became visible. Everything that has been created was made by the word of God. Although it already existed, God spoke so what was invisible could become visible. You would never have known it existed, except God spat it out in faith.

By faith God spat out what was in Him. Everything in Him started to come forth. What we now see was birthed by God from what was invisibly within Him. Whatever you see came from the unseen—nothing exists that was not at some time in God. Thus, *faith is not the evidence of things that do not exist. It is the evidence of things that are not yet seen.* Everything we see has always been. It became visible when God spoke it into being. God is the Source of life.



Creating the visible from the invisible is mind-boggling to me. Do I have an idea somewhere deep inside that will make the world a better place if I find it and make the intangible become tangible?

“Everything we see has always been.” To explain what that sentence means in my own words, I would write:

ABOUT MYLES MUNROE

(1954-2014)

Dr. Myles Munroe was more than a pastor, teacher, and author, he was a Christian statesman who became a catalytic thought leader for a whole generation of church leaders and Christ-followers. Dr. Munroe served as a pioneer and prophetic voice, summoning the Church to embrace its heavenly inheritance now instead of just holding out for the afterlife.

From the truth-saturated pages of his Kingdom book series to his intense international speaking schedule, Dr. Munroe called the global Church upward to embrace the holistic message of the Kingdom and discover the culture of Heaven, seeing as much as possible of that Kingdom culture enter into and transform present conditions.

Dr. Munroe's Kingdom message is crucial for the Church today. In an era of great turmoil, uncertainty, and upheaval, Christians need to fully step into their Kingdom purpose. It is not time for Christianity to be intimidated by the encroaching darkness and retreat into hiding. It's time to reveal God's will and purpose on

earth as in Heaven. This devotional is a compilation of one of Dr. Munroe's best-selling books, *Principle and Power of Kingdom Citizenship*.

Dr. Munroe's legacy lives on through Munroe Global, Inc., where his son, Myles Munroe, Jr., is the CEO/President, and through the Myles and Ruth Munroe Foundation, where their daughter, Charisa, is President. The goal of the ministries is to use the leadership lessons of the late great visionary Dr. Myles Munroe to create new opportunities for people to discover and put into action their life purpose. Also dedicated to the development of nations, one individual at a time, sharing Dr. Munroe's vision to reach the world with priceless principles of leadership and empowerment, spreading the Kingdom Leadership message to the world.

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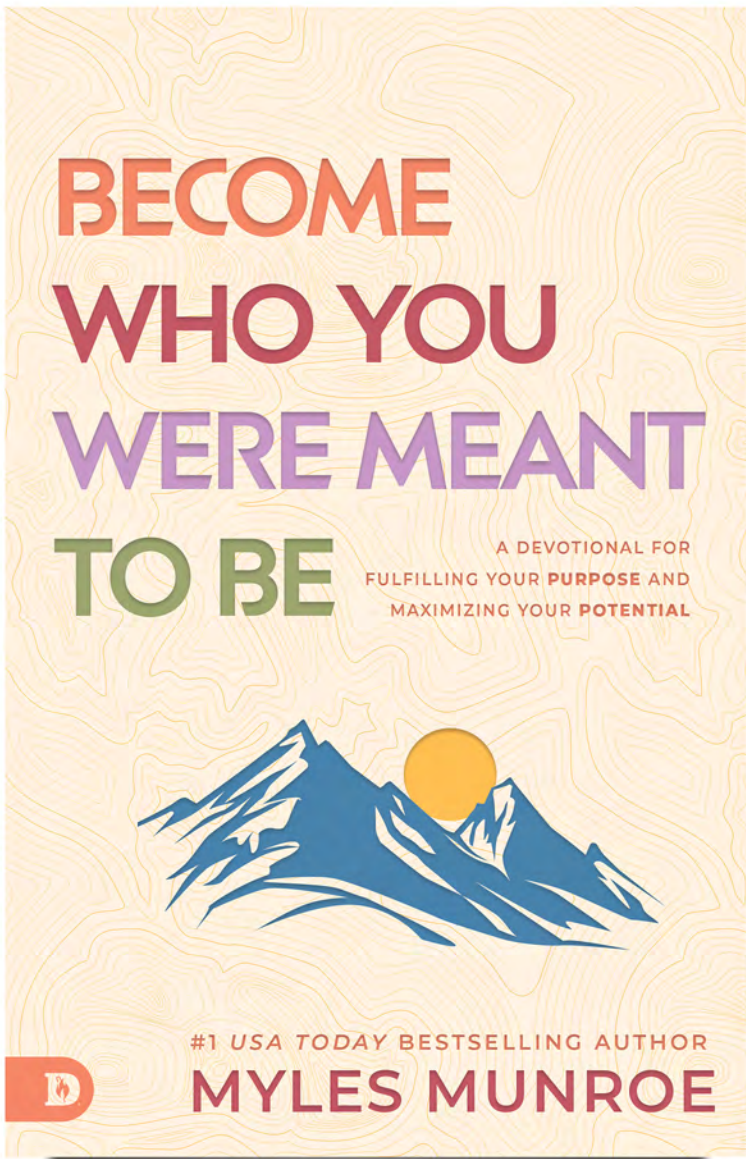


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