


Serving God Where  
He Has Placed You!  
Acts 13:36-37




# Scholars and Educators Have Identified Seven Generations Living Today

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- **Generation Alpha (b. 2011-2025)**
  - **Generation Z (b. 1996-2010)**
  - **Millennials (b.1981-1995)**
  - **Generation X (b.1965-1981)**
  - **Baby Boomers (b. 1946-1964)**
  - **The Silent Generation (b.1928-1945)**
  - **The Greatest Generation (b. 1921-1947)**
- Less Religious**
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- More Religious**

**Each Generation Has Distinct Attitudes, Behaviors, Expectations, Habits, and Motivational Buttons**

- **In 1966, 6.6% of incoming freshman to college reported an unaffiliation with any religion.**
- **In 2015 that number had risen to 29.6%**



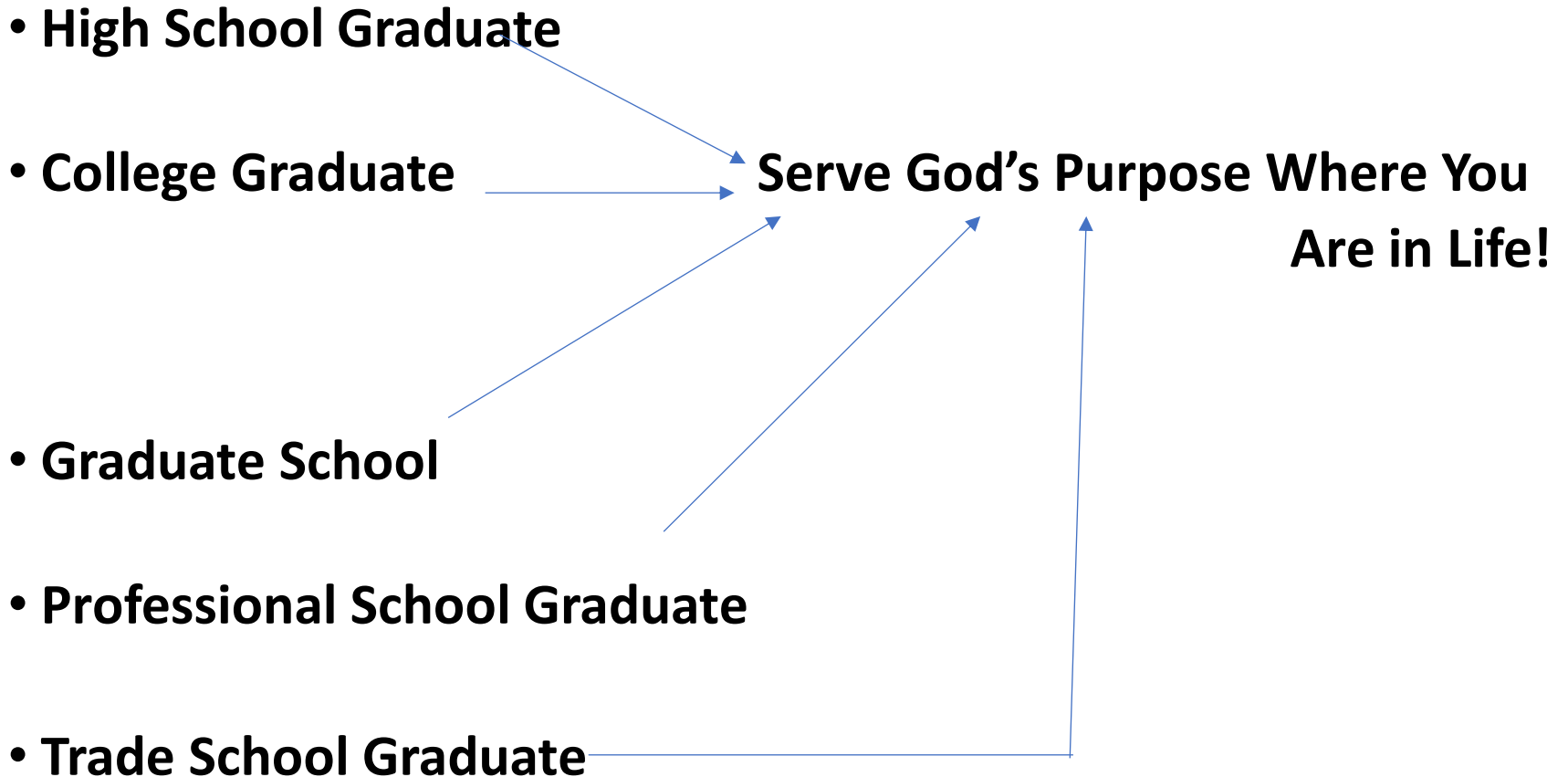
**“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.” Acts 13:36**

- Note that David’s official position in life was the King or Head of the sovereign country of Israel (like President Joseph Biden is the head of the United States of America)
- However, Paul in his sermon, does not mention David’s prestigious office duties as king, but God’s spiritual purpose for him in that office

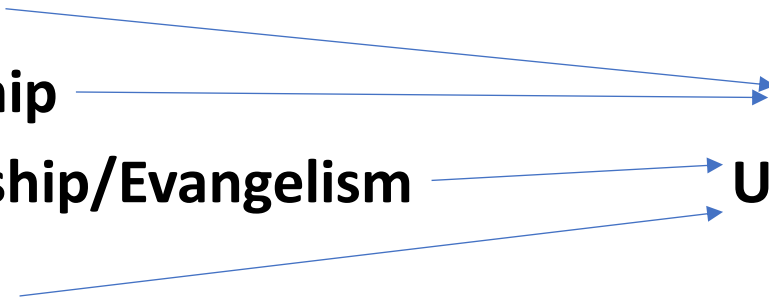
***... “to serve God’s purpose in his own generation”***



# That's the Purpose All of God's Graduates Have



# Four Biblical Purposes of the Church

- **Worship**
  - **Fellowship**
  - **Discipleship/Evangelism**
  - **Ministry**
- To Bring All of  
Us Together in Christ**
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- A diagram consisting of four blue arrows. Each arrow originates from one of the four bullet points on the left and points towards the central text on the right. The arrows from 'Worship' and 'Fellowship' are the longest, while the arrows from 'Discipleship/Evangelism' and 'Ministry' are shorter.

**Everything That We Do Here Must Be  
About These Four Things**

**If It is Not, We Have No Business Doing It!**

**Graduates are Uniquely Positioned to Occupy and Affect One  
Or More of These Areas in the Church of Christ**

# In Their Generation God Chose the Apostles As His Witnesses, Acts 1:6-7

***“Then they gathered around Him and asked Him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the  
kingdom to Israel?”***

***He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times  
or dates the Father has set by His own authority.  
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in  
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and  
to the ends of the earth.”***

Graduates,  
God Has  
Chosen You  
to be  
Among His  
Witnesses!

***“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation (calling) wherewith ye are called.***

***With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;***

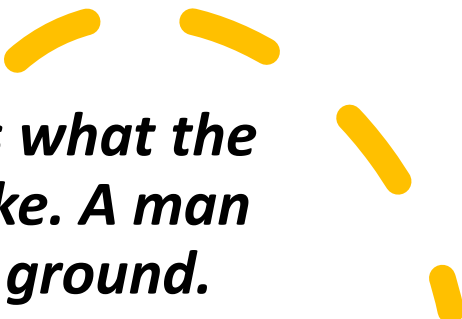
***Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (noticing differences and mending fences).”***

***Ephesians 4:1-3***

- **Just as King David was not allowed to relinquish God’s purpose for him because of his “secular position,” neither are we**



“But I Won’t  
Have Time  
In My Career  
to Support  
Church  
Work!”



*He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain— first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”*

**Mark 4:26-29**



## Observations

- The man scattering the seed can be any Christian (graduate) who values the seed enough (Luke 8:11); there is potential for the Word of God in your life and how it can influence others
- The seed is valuable but it must be scattered (it does no good in the bag or covered up) *“Closet Christianity”*
- Everybody can’t be a Peter (Andrew)
- Notice that the soil’s nature in this story doesn’t influence the man’s (graduate’s) passion who scattered the seed
- The man (graduate) simply does his part (lives the life and scatters the seed) leaving room for God to work on the soil; 2Corinthians 3:1-2 *“Do we need commendation letters to you?”*

***Graduate, Your Job Is To Live The Life Where God Has Placed You While Planting the Seed, So That the World Will Want to Emulate Your Christian Profession!***

***“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”***

***Matthew 5:16***





# The Plan of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**                      **Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**                      **Acts 15:7**

**Repent of Sins**                      **Acts 17:30**

**Confess Christ**                      **Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**                      **Acts 8:38**

