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"Counter Offensive: Living With Purpose!"

II Corinthians 4:16-17

I) What is God's purpose for our lives?

- i) God's universal purpose is that we might know Him and experience eternal life.
- ii) There is more to God's purpose for us than just salvation.
 1. God's purpose for us is not defined by what we do but by who we are.
- iii) How can we find purpose in our life?
 1. We find purpose in obedience to God.
 2. We find purpose in trusting God.
 3. We find purpose in becoming like Christ.

II) Doing the right thing for the wrong purpose

We need to be cautious to ensure that our good things are not corrupted by Satan into the right thing for the wrong purpose.

- i) We need to understand the motivation of our purpose
 1. People in ministry can often be unknowingly distracted by personal or selfish motivation
 2. People often avoid ministry for the wrong reasons
- ii) Is your view of ministry short-term governed by how it fits into your lifestyle or long-term focused on how it impacts the kingdom of Christ?
- iii) How do we battle against doing the right thing for the wrong reason?
 1. By seeking and following God's purpose so we are not distracted by Satan's deception or our own purpose.
 2. By developing a heavenly view of this earthly realm

III) Persevering in Purpose

- i) Persevering prevents our propensity to ponder on our own purposes
- ii) When we put our focus on the things of God, the things that cannot be seen without the Spirit of God all of our motivations change, all of our energy is refocused.