

Text: Ezra 7:1-28

Topics: Dedication, God's Provision, God's Will

Series: Courage to Trust God's Promises

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## What Do You Need?

### I. Dedication to God (1-10)

*The time... "After these things"*

*God's purpose... "The hand of the LORD"*

*The person... "a scribe skilled in the law of Moses"*

*"Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD  
and to practice it, and to teach..."*

What is God's purpose for my life, for this time?

To what have I set my heart?

### II. Provision from God (11-26)

*God's Provisions...*

*A mission, material things, and authority*

*It came through the king to accomplish God's purpose for Ezra*

Is it time to step out in faith, and trust God to provide?

### III. Appreciation for God (27-28)

*Ezra recognized and praised God for what God had done.*

*Ezra was strengthened by what he knew God had done.*

Have I considered and appreciated what the Lord has provided me for His purpose?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. What do you understand to be God's unique purpose for your life? (Note: "unique," not general purpose for all Christ-followers, but for you personally)

2. If a person doesn't know what God's unique purpose for their life is, how would you tell them to pursue finding out what it is?

3. What important aspects do you see in the following verses for understanding the unique purpose of a person's life?

Romans 11:36

1 Corinthians 8:6

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Ephesians 4:11-16

Ephesians 5:15-17; Esther 4:14

Matthew 28:19-20

4. What does Jesus teach about the purpose of a person's life in:

Luke 12:13-21

Matthew 19:27-30

5. When a person feels they know God's unique purpose for their life they are likely to find it overwhelming at times. From Philippians 4:15-20 & Ephesians 3:20-21, what do they need to know and trust to be true?

6. Read Psalm 119:33-40; 97-104; and 129-136. What has the Psalmist learned and strived to live that would be helpful to us as we strive to live out God's purpose for our lives?

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?