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## **BUILDING STRONG CHARACTER**

*1 Corinthians 2:7*

Building strong character requires having a *clear sense of purpose*. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 1:12: “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord ... [for] appointing me to His service.” So, what do you see as your life’s purpose? You have two options:

1. *Speculation*. Dr Hugh Moorhead, a philosophy professor wrote to 250 of the best known philosophers, scientists, writers and intellectuals, asking them, “What is the meaning of Life?” He then published their responses in a book. Some admitted that they had just made up a purpose for life, and others were honest enough to say they were clueless.
2. *Revelation*. We can turn to what the LORD Jesus Christ has revealed about life in His Word. It is our Owner’s Manual explaining why we are alive, how life works, what to avoid, and what to expect in the future. It explains what no self-help or philosophy book could know.

The Bible says, “God’s wisdom ... goes deep into the interior of His purpose ... it’s not the latest message, but more like the oldest – what God determined as the way to bring out His best in us.” Jesus is not just the starting point of your life; He is the Source of it. To discover His purpose for your life you must turn to His Word, not your own wisdom. You must build your life on eternal truths, not pop psychology, success, motivation, or inspirational stories.