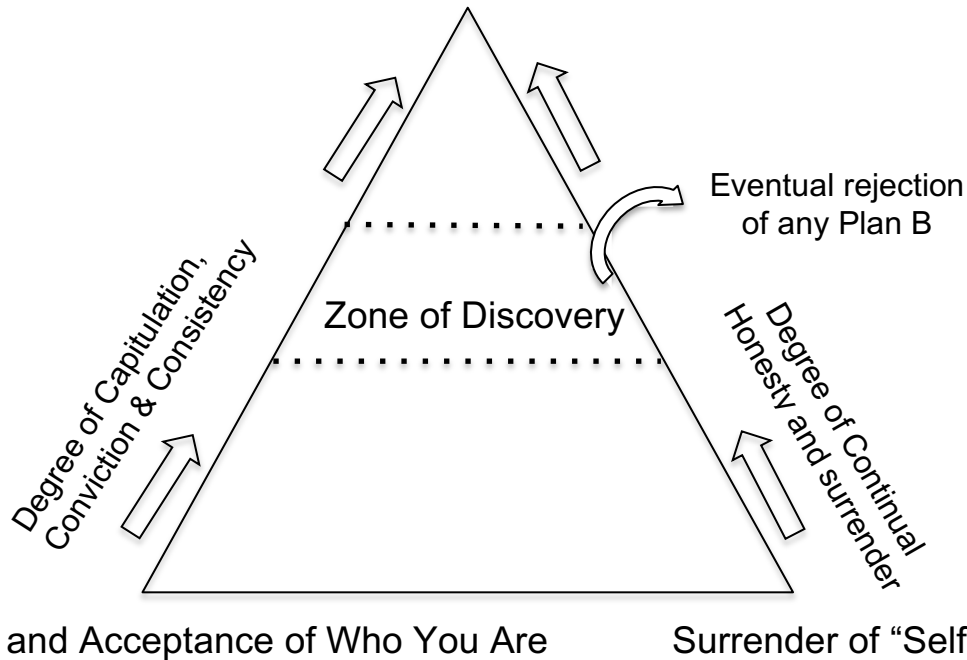


Dr. Bob's Triangle of Purposeful Identity – Found and Fulfilled

Purposeful Identity – Found and Fulfilled, One Step at a Time



As the discovery and acceptance of who you are from God grows more sure, and your degree of surrender of “self” grow stronger, they lead you closer to finding and unpacking your unique, God-given purpose. Eventually they rise, taking you to the level of a Zone of Discovery. Here is where you will find greater understanding to help you find and fulfill your God-ordained identity and purpose. It’s in this season and place that it becomes progressively clearer. This Zone of Discovery will occur repeatedly in different seasons of your life. Each time, it builds your faith and determination to reach the apex, which is the fulfillment of your God-given identity and purpose, the foundation of which is always to achieve maximum fruitfulness.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“To everything *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:”

What Should Happen in Your Personal Zone of Discovery?

It should provide you with a challenge to answer these questions:

1. Who does God say you are you?
2. What do you presently think is causing you to be sick and tired of being sick and tired? What is driving you to it? Be honest with yourself.

3. How does all this fit with your present identity and lack of purpose?
4. How committed are you to finding and fulfilling a singularly God-pleasing plan for your life?
5. What has to change how you think for there to be growth in your integrity, character, and honesty with yourself on a consistent, daily basis?
6. Define your motivations for finding these answers.
7. Can you come up with another five questions that can be added to these seven?
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Your Personal Motivation within the Zone of Discovery

- Fully Convinced of the Way Forward (Romans 4:20-21)
- Conformed to Christ – Progressively More on the Journey (Romans 8:29)
- Confident Movement Ahead (Philippians 3:12-14)
- Increasing Your Understanding and Passionate Pursuit of Your Identity and Purpose (Romans 8:37)

The Process of Purposeful Discovery (Colossians, Chapter 3)

“Put Off the Old Man”	“Put On the New Man”
Become Aware.	Become Aware.
Ponder what you’ve become aware of.	Ponder what you’ve become aware of.
Devalue what you have pondered.	Value what you have pondered.
Consider and accept what needs to change.	
Reject old priorities that don’t match up.	Embrace new priorities that do match up.
No longer allow it to own you.	Own it.

Cautions Regarding the Pitfalls of Purposeful Discovery

1. Do not ignore or forget that people change slowly. Impatience with the process will derail it.

2. Change will happen either way - for good or evil. Allow the surrender of “self” to govern the change. This will help to assure that your transformation will bring good outcomes and not anything evil or destructive.
3. If you engage in the process of discovering your purpose from a place of emotional or spiritual emptiness, you will find yourself falling into an ever-deepening place of even more emptiness. It will be a dark hole.
4. Do not allow regrets for what was or could have been to stall or modify process in the Zone of Discovery. Regrets will be a normal part of your transformation as you grow and become more Christ-like. (Romans 12:1-2)
5. It’s a lifetime process. “The Triangle of Purpose – Found and Fulfilled” repeats itself each time you take another “baby step” into it, and recognize more about what has to change. This will require a willingness to surrender what you might have considered treasure and find the true treasure of your godly identity.
6. Do not expect to be fully satisfied with the changes each time you take another small step in the process. There is always room for improvement. This means you must understand the destructive nature of expectations for perfection. Nobody is perfect except God. Understanding this helps you depend on Him to direct your “baby steps” in your walk with Him.
7. Be aware that success can easily be mislabeled. Only progressively being conformed to the image of Christ and seeing it affect others can define true success. This is the transformational target you must aim for.

True North

The journey through “The Triangle of Purpose - Found and Fulfilled” with “baby steps” will take you to your destination if you allow honesty, faith and obedience to point you toward the apex (the place of our God-ordained life’s fulfillment.) Think of it as a journey through new, uncharted land with a divine compass to orient you to your personal “True North.” Like a person lost in the wilderness, without knowing the proper, accurate direction to reach the destination, you would simply be going in circles. Accept that the journey may have its ups and downs. You must let the Holy Spirit guide you through every step of the journey. He will not mislead or abandon you on the way to your destiny. Understand this is to be a progressive lifelong process.