

God has prepared a place for me.

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
John 14:2-3 (NIV)

Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.
Romans 11:16 (NIV)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”
Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)

God has prepared me for His purpose.

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28 (NAS)

God has prepared a plan for me to walk in.

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”
I Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.* Psalm 23:5 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Always be joyful. ¹⁷Never stop praying. ¹⁸Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.
I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

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**Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
II Corinthians 9:15 (NAS)**

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

- What does hope mean to you?
- How would you describe it?
- What are your hopes for your life?
- For your family?

Key Thought: God is _____ me
for what He has _____ for me.

Then his father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy: ⁶⁸“Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited and redeemed His people. ⁶⁹He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of His servant David, ⁷⁰just as He promised through His holy prophets long ago. ⁷⁴We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live. ⁷⁶“And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord.”
Luke 1:67-70; 74-76 (NLT)

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” —³“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

Mark 1:1-3 (NIV)

John the Baptist announced the good news (Gospel) that the profmised Messiah was set to appear. His call was to remove any obstacles that would impede His coming and for the people to prepare themselves for His arrival.

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶And all people will see God's salvation.'" Luke 3:4-6 (NIV)

The good news of salvation is a call to _____.

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. Mark 1:4-5 (NIV)

The good news of salvation is a call to _____.

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. Luke 3:8a (NIV)

The good news of the salvation is a call to compassionate _____.

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. ¹¹John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:10-11 (NIV)

The good news of salvation is a call to _____.

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" ¹³"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. ¹⁴Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

Luke 3:12-14 (NIV)

A calling to honor Jesus Christ in my daily life.

And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:16-17 (NAS)

How to prepare my heart for Jesus?

Turn away from _____ and turn to _____.

And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8 (NIV)

Turn the desire of my heart to a _____ family.

TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN

Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth. Malachi 2:15 (NIV)

He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse. Malachi 4:6 (NAS)

Live with a _____ mind.

TO TURN... the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2 (NAS)

Embrace the truth that God is _____ me for what He has _____ for me.

so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord

Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰I have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared for all people. ³²He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

Luke 2:28-32 (NLT)