

Evening Lesson

PURPOSEFUL CHRISTIANITY

Luke 4:42-44

INTRO:

1. Illus.: While hunting a number of years ago, I was surrounded by literally hundreds of birds in search of a roost for the night. Several types of songbirds flying back and forth from one tree to another making all kinds of noise. They seemed to have little purpose and no particular destination in mind. In the middle of all this, a hawk silently soared along just above the treetops. He was very calmly gliding in a straight line as though he knew where he was headed and didn't need to broadcast it. The hawk had a purpose to his flight.
2. We need a purpose like the hawk.
3. Jesus knew his purpose from the time he was a boy. **Luke 2:49**

I. PURPOSE IN OUR SERVICE.

- A. Follow the example of Christ. **John 6:38**
- B. Paul understood. **Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20**

II. PURPOSE IN OUR GIVING.

- A. Giving should be thought out. **2 Cor. 9:6,7**
- B. To show our love for God. **1 John 3:17, 18**

III. DO IT WITHOUT A LOT OF FANFARE.

- A. Jesus told us this. **Matt. 6:3,4**
- B. Paul expressed a similar thought. **Phil. 2:3, 4**

CONC:

1. We must purpose in our hearts to follow Christ.
2. Paul didn't fly around like a silly songbird. **1 Cor. 9:24-27**
3. I want to be a hawk. How about you?