"FOR WHAT PURPOSE ARE WE BREATHING AIR?"

A. HUMAN VIEWPOINT CORRECTED BY DIVINE VIEWPOINT

1.	You need to recognize that the ultimate purpose of your life is to, not to be happy. (John 11:4; 14:13; 15:8)			
	a.	God's objective in saving you was merely so that you would escape hell; He also desires that you would now glorify Him with a God honoring (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Eph. 1:3-12; Philip. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:7-12)		
	b.	God is not here to serve you; but are here to God. (1 Pet. 2:11-12; 5:10-11; 2 Pet. 3:18)		
2.	ser	ou need to recognize our Lord determines the for discipleship and rvice, not you. (Luke 9:18-26) To deny oneself means to lose sight of your own interests, it means to say to your fleshly desires, and to the Lord.		
	b.	Discipleship and taking up your cross does not happen, it is a conscious you must make. (Luke 9: 57-62)		
		* Is it true that if you are married, sometimes you might play more of a supportive role in order for your spouse to serve in a more prominent way?		

3.	You need to remember that a yielded heart and transformed mind will result in doing of which involves service to as unto the (Philip. 1 & 2)	
	a.	It's often been said that of the ministries or activities in a local church are taken care of by of the people. (Philip. 1:20-30)
		* Why <i>didn't</i> Paul hold his own life so dear to him like we do?
	b.	The humble person is one who necessarily thinks negatively of himself; he simply does not think of at all while he serves others. (Philip. 2:1-4)
	c.	When you are preoccupied with other believers, seeking to to others, a natural unity of fellowship will take place. (Philip. 2:5-11)
	d.	You should never wonder why if you have invested very in the things of God that you get return. (Philip. 2:17-30) 1) Paul invested (vv. 17-18)
		2) Timothy invested (vv. 19-24)
		3) Epaphroditus invested (vv. 25-30)
		* Are you willing to invest your time and energy in serving Jesus Christ in ministry?