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In Pursuit of Purpose

21. A Word to the Third World

A direct address to people in oppressed, colonized, and developing nations (and the poor within wealthy ones). It argues that chasing the oppressor's standards of success breeds despair, envy, and bondage, and that true freedom comes only from discovering your God-given personal purpose.

Key takeaways

- Possessions, fame, status, and power can't replace a sense of purpose and significance.
- Measuring your worth by others' approval puts your self-worth at the mercy of their opinions.
- Imitating the industrialized world's success patterns traps nations and individuals in aimlessness, in-fighting, and deeper bondage.
- Each person is created for a unique purpose no one else can fulfill — that assignment is God's purpose for your life.
- Declare independence from others' expectations; be yourself, obey God, and complete your assignment.

Passages worth keeping

> *"The fulfillment of purpose is God's measure of success."*

States the chapter's core redefinition of success against worldly standards.