

## Accept God's Purpose

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Acts 7:17-32

Every person is appointed by God for a plan and a purpose. Some people accept that appointment and some don't. Moses was appointed by God to lead the Israelite nation. He tried to take that calling into his own hands by killing an Egyptian who was mistreating an Israelite. That wasn't the way God wanted to use Moses and it wasn't done in God's timing.

When we accept God's purpose for our lives we must follow His plan to get to that purpose. Often, we believe we know better. We accept God's purpose but still try to do it our way. We depend on our own intelligence, strength, and will to accomplish what only God is capable of accomplishing.

The martyr Stephen demonstrated this Acts 7. God's purpose was for Stephen to be a witness for Christ. Stephen probably wouldn't have picked the same way God did. He probably wouldn't have chosen being stoned to death. Regardless of the method, he was obedient and it became an extremely important testimony to many Christians for thousands of years.

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