

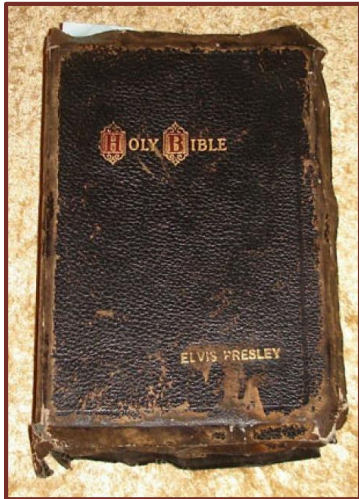
Elvis: Why Me?

Okay, I admit it: I'm a fan of the music of Elvis Presley. I was a high-school student when he burst on the scene and – song by song and performance by performance – he took the world by storm as an entertainer.

Presley was regarded as one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20th century. He is often referred to as “the king of rock and roll,” or simply as “the king.”

Born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on Jan. 8, 1935, Presley and his family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, when he was 13. His music career began there in 1954, when he went to work with Sam Phillips, owner of Sun Records. His first RCA Victor single, *Heartbreak Hotel*, released in January 1956, became a No. 1 hit. The rest is history.

An interesting incident occurred in his life when Elvis was filming *Roustabout*. He met Larry Geller, a hairdresser with whom he developed a close friendship.



The two discussed spiritual issues and Eastern religions. “What you’re talking about,” Elvis told Geller, “is what I secretly think about all the time.”

While discussing Elvis’ purpose in life, the singer admitted he felt “chosen,” but didn’t know why.

“Why was I plucked out of all of the millions of millions of lives to be Elvis?” he asked.

We can hope that he found the answer before his death on Aug. 16, 1977.

The Bible teaches that God has a life purpose for each of us, and we discover it only through our relationship with Christ. He has something for us to do, something special for us to do today.

Writing on the subject of life purpose, Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California, said in his book *Turning Points*: “If God were finished with us, He’d take us immediately to heaven. But He saved us, not just to take us to heaven but to use us on earth. Every day we should be looking into His face, saying, ‘Lord, what do You want me to do? How can I advance Your work today? How can I serve You now?’”

For those of us who work in Life Care and Century Park, the answer is before us every day – the work He has commissioned us to do.

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So give this day to the Lord, and ask for His will to be done in your life. Use every moment to fulfill His great purpose for you.

Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed (Psalm 139:16 NIT).

– Beecher Hunter