

SOPHIE MEINHARDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

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God has a purpose for everyone. How do I seek God's purpose for me in my daily life? How do I show others I am trying to fulfill God's purpose for me?' This was the topic that I was given. Let me start out by saying that this was a very hard topic for me to write an essay about, at least for a little while. I just couldn't think of anything out of the ordinary to write about and now I feel as if I seek God's purpose for me in my daily life being nice to other people such as family members and friends. Even people in my grade/homeroom that don't necessarily consider me as a friend but need my help with things. I show them the respect that I would like to get from someone else, like the 'Golden Rule' that God gave us. Treating others the way you would like to be treated. Everyday before I step foot out of the door to get onto the bus, my dad says to my brother, sister and me, "Treat others how you want to be treated, and you will get that in return." I do receive respect and help in return, but not always in the ways that I would expect it to be given to me.

I have had a family member, my twin sister, die just before we were born. I pray to God that everything that I do daily and throughout my life helps me to get one step closer to getting into heaven to finally see her and be with her forever.

The second part of the topic, 'How do I show others I am trying to fulfill God's purpose for me?' this one is the one that took me the longest. I knew how I was trying to fulfill God's purpose for me, but I didn't exactly know how I was showing others that I was trying to fulfill God's purpose. I pray to God every single day. Sometimes it is in the morning, sometimes right before bed, and every time that I go to church I pray and sometimes even by singing because singing once is praying twice. Singing in church sometimes embarrasses people because they think they have a bad voice and people will laugh at them, but the truth is that nobody's perfect so your voice could sound not so good. If the people sitting next to you were truly one of God's children, they wouldn't laugh at you and if they were to laugh at you, it would be in their head, not out loud for you to hear.

I pray to try to understand what God's will is for me, but it is not always clear of what I am supposed to do. I do know that everyone has a purpose on Earth.

The one way that most people think is the key to finding your purpose is by praying, but it may also be found through other people in your life. The people in your life are there for a purpose. They might not always be your best friend, but they may give you clues about what you are destined to do.

I may not know what my purpose in life is yet, but someday in the future, I hope I will carry out what God's purpose is for me so that I can get into heaven.