I. A Pattern of Jesus
   A. The Father sanctified the Son and sent Him into the world (John 10:36)
      1. God the Father chose Jesus for a special task
      2. He set Him apart for that task
      3. God sent Him to fulfill that task
   B. Jesus sanctified Himself (John 17:19)
      1. He acknowledged God’s choice
      2. He recognized the task
      3. Sanctification is, first, to God and second, to the task
   C. Jesus delighted to do the Father’s will. (Ps. 40:7–8; comp. Heb. 10:7)
      1. He came from heaven specially to do the Father’s will (John 6:38)
      2. In doing the Father’s will, Jesus revealed the Father (John 14:9)
      3. In fulfilling the Father’s task, Jesus glorified the Father (John 17:4)
   D. Jesus sends His disciples each to fulfill a special task (John 17:17–19; 20:21)
   E. Disciples are sanctified by fulfilling the task given (Heb. 2:11)
      1. Jesus was sanctified in fulfilling the task given to Him by the Father
      2. Disciples both reveal and glorify Jesus in fulfilling their tasks

II. Your Response to God’s Choice
   A. As we move in God’s will:
      1. Whatever we ask the Father is done (John 15:16)
      2. All things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
   B. Created in Christ Jesus for good works which God has before ordained (Eph. 2:10) – God has chosen you to fulfill a special task
   C. Five successive phases of your response (Rom. 12:1–6)
      1. Present your body a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1) on God’s altar (Matt. 23:19)
      2. Thus, you are renewed in your mind.
         a. You no longer think as the world thinks
         b. You accept God’s standards (Rom. 12:2)
         c. You delight to do God’s will (1 John 2:15–17)
      3. To your renewed mind God reveals His special purpose and task – God has given the measure of faith needed to fulfill that task (Rom. 12:3)
      4. You find your place and function in the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:4–5)
      5. You begin to exercise the gifts appropriate to your function (Rom. 12:6)
   D. As God’s will and purpose are progressively revealed to you, you shape your whole conduct and life to fulfill God’s purpose
      1. You exercise yourself (Acts 24:16)
      2. You discipline yourself (1 Cor. 9:24–27)

III. Pattern of an Athlete
   A. Negative: Renounce all that hinders the fulfillment of God’s purpose (comp. Heb. 12:1–2)
   B. Positive: Cultivate all that helps the fulfillment of God’s purpose
C. The negative alone, without the positive, is barren and frustrating
D. Discover that God has made full provision for all you need to fulfill His purpose (2 Pet. 1:3–4)
E. In fulfilling God’s purpose you manifest the nature of God’s Son.