

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

A purpose filled life is what determines where you and I go in life. I believe those words with all my heart and soul. Reinforcement come from two writers I have read often to supplement my desire to be one of the best. The first to share with you is Henry David Thoreau. Reading his book "Walden" I found words I now know have been repeated thousands of times by inspirational speakers. I just remember reading to somewhere near the end of the book to find these lines: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

I copied them to a journal I had only recently started, never looked at them again, but found them in my thoughts in times of personal questioning of my purpose. It was the last eleven words that stayed with me. I try to live every day with my purpose in mind. Thoreau was important for my goal in life, but there is another that I have adored as an inspiration to me finding and sharing purpose.

Her name is Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Ella was a journalist and a popular American poet in the late 19th and early 20th century. While few today recognize her name, some of her lines are still very familiar. Perhaps these words will ring a bell.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone." (from "Solitude")

A short and sincere Talk for this week. Thank you for enjoying this shortened version. Much love to all!

Peace always

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