

FOCUSING YOUR LIFE

Parts 1-2

MARGIN: The space between my load and my limits.

The Purpose of Margin:

Not to live a life of selfishness, but to live a life of

"I ask God...to make your eyes <u>focused and clear</u>, so you can <u>see</u> <u>exactly</u> what it is God is calling you to do..."

EPHESIANS 1:18 (MES)

"Don't be foolish with your lives."

EPHESIANS 5:17 (ICB)

LIFE'S 4 MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. WHAT WILL BE THE	OF MY LIFE?

"If your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life."

PSALM 62:10 (NLT)

"Christ's love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from this <u>focused center</u>..."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14 (MES)

SELF-CENTERED OR GOD-CENTERED?

2. WHAT WILL BE THE OF I	MY LIFE?
"For from the very beginning God decided that those who came t	fo
Him should <u>become like His Son</u> ."	
ROMANS 8:29 (LB)	
"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus."	
PHILIPPIANS 2:5 (NCV)	
" <u>Don't lose a minute</u> in building on what you've been given,	
complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual	
understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent	
wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love."	
2 PETER 1:5 (MES)	
COMFORT OR CHARACTER?	
3. WHAT WILL BE THE	_ OF MY LIFE?
My Ministry: Using my S.H.A.P.E. to help others.	

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to <u>help each other</u>, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."

1 PETER 4:10 (LB)

"It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in <u>helping others</u>."

EPHESIANS 2:10 (LB)

GETTING OR GIVING?

4. WHAT WILL BE THE	OF MY LIFE?

My Life Message

"You lives are echoing the Master's Word...The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore – you're the message!"

1 THESSALONIANS 1:8 (MES)

"Live in such a way that you are a credit to the message of Christ..."

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 (MES)

"Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of <u>telling others the Good News</u> about God's mighty kindness and love."

ACTS 20:24 (LB)

PROMOTING MYSELF OR SHARING CHRIST?