

FOCUSING YOUR LIFE

The Life You Were Meant to Live
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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 SIGNIFICANCE

"I ask God . . . to make your eyes focused and clear, so you can see exactly what it is God is calling you to do." Ephesians 1:18 (The Message)

"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 focused center." 2 Corinthians 5:14 (The Message)

SELF-CENTERED or GOD-CENTERED?

2. WHAT WILL BE THE _____ OF MY LIFE?

"For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him should become like His Son." Romans 8:29 (TLB)

"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

"Don't lose a minute 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 (The Message)

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 help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

"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 helping others." Ephesians 2:10 (TLB)

GETTING or GIVING?

4. WHAT WILL BE THE _____ OF MY LIFE?

My Life Message

"Your 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 (The Message)

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

Philippians 1:27 (The Message)

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

Acts 20:24 (TLB)

PROMOTING MYSELF or SHARING CHRIST?

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