

FOCUSING YOUR LIFE
From Burnout To Balance – Part 5
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Ephesians 1:18 (MSG) *“I ask God to make your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do.”*

LIFE’S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS...

1. What will be the CENTER of your life?

Psalms 62:10b (NLT) *“If your wealth increases, don’t make it the center of your life.”*

Luke 12:15 (NIV) *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*

Matthew 22:37 (NIV) *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*

**God’s purpose: He made you to know
and love Him (Worship).**

Philippians 4:6 (NIV) *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

2. What will be the CHARACTER of your life?

Romans 8:29a (TLB) *“For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him—and all along He knew who would—should become like His Son...”*

**God’s purpose: He made you to become
like Christ (Discipleship).**

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

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV) *“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.”*

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

3. What will be the CONTRIBUTION of your life?

God’s purpose: He made you to use your SHAPE to help others (Ministry).

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB) *“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.”*

4. What will be the COMMUNICATION of your life?

God’s purpose: He made you to tell others about Him (Evangelism).

1 Thessalonians 1:8 (MSG) *“Your lives are echoing the Master’s Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don’t even have to say anything anymore—you’re the message!”*

God wants you to SHOW the message with your life.

Philippians 1:27a (MSG) *“Live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ.”*

God wants you to SHARE the message with your mouth.

Acts 20:24 (TLB) *“But 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.”*

5. What will be the CONNECTIONS of your life?

God’s purpose: He made you to function as a member of His family (Fellowship).

Acts 2:44-46 (NIV) *“All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.”*