

# Defining My Life Mission

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I. Introduction. Many people have many goals but they do not have a life mission.

II. Prayerfully establish a mission statement that expresses your life values.

A. Focus is the key to life mission. (John 14:17)

B. A life mission is a picture of what God wants a person to do with his life. A person can have many goals but no purpose in life—mission must be defined before goals.

C. A life mission defines what success is to you.

D. A life mission is based on God's purpose for a person.

E. A life mission expresses a person's shape.

F. A life mission clarifies roles.

G. A life mission is greater than a career.

III. How to learn a life mission.

A. Through speculation.

1. Do this through a college philosophy course.

2. There is no certainty in this.

B. Through revelation. The Bible gives certainty about what God wants for a life. (Ephesians 5:17)

IV. Questions to ask about a mission statement.

A. What will be the center of my life?

1. We were made to be loved by God.

2. God wants us to know Him and love Him back.

3. The knowledge of God results in every other kind of understanding.

B. What will be the character of my life?

C. What will be the contribution of my life?

D. What will be the communication of your life?

1. Everyone has a life message.
2. God made us to tell others about Him.
3. God has given each a heart for something different and special.

V. Responding correctly to unexpected problems.

- A. It can help you to know God and His love better.
- B. It can help you grow in character.
- C. It can give you a ministry to others.
- D. It gives you a new life message.

VI. Our goal is to measure up to God's plan for us. (II Corinthians 2:13)

**Application questions:**

1. Go through the questions the speaker asks and answer each.

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2. What did you learn about your life mission by answering the previous questions?

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3. Who has been a model for you of one who responds correctly to unexpected problems? What has inspired you about their response?

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