

# Bridging the Gap Between Faith---and --- Work

Our Life's Work

# Our Life's Work: an Overview

- Exploring our personal meaning of work
- Trimming the activity tree – establishing our priorities
- The task verses relationship dilemma
- The transformational power of goals --- We need tracks to run on!
- Establishing “margin” – learning to say “no”!
- Building “Community” at home and at work.

# The Benefits of Purpose Driven Life

## Ps. 90:12

- “Without a purpose, life is motion without meaning, activity without direction, and events without reason. Without a purpose, life is trivial, petty and pointless.” Rick Warren
- How do you view work? Why do you work?  
What motivates you to work?
- Our concept of “Work” determines our priorities.

Our Life's Work is  
Building and Maintaining  
RELATIONSHIPS

Prov. 12:11

- My life's work begins at 5:30 am when I bring my wife a cup of coffee.
- It continues as I express my love and concern for my children
- It expresses itself as I try to communicate to my spouse that she is the most important person on planet earth!
- It is demonstrated as I encourage and serve others in the workplace.

# Tasks are our masters, Relationships our joy!

- We must understand and manage our tendencies.
- We live in a driven world that makes more and more demands on our time and energy so we must PLAN the precious time we have on earth.
- “The greatest use of life is love, the greatest expression of love is time, and the greatest time to love is now!” R. Warren

“A person without goals is like a clock without hands”

- There is power in setting “relationship goals”
- Our first relationship is with ourselves. We can not love and serve others without loving and caring for ourselves
- We need address our : physical, emotional, intellectual ,social and spiritual needs as we develop our goals.

# Goals must be clearly written and checked for progress

- Set weekly or monthly goals with spouse, kids, family, friends and co-workers.
- Goals give us tracks to run on and something to shoot for.

Research shows that goals and feedback are the key to productivity and community in the work place.

# Creating “Margin” is the key to success

- Margin is :
- The difference between the resources we have and the demand placed upon them.
- We develop “Time Margin” by planning our lives and learning to say “No” to activities unrelated to our priorities.

# Building “Community” at home and at work

- There is power and joy in community
- Trust, positive communication, and conflict resolution is the key
- Be ware of its rivals
- The impact of prejudice at home and at work.
- There is satisfaction and joy in Our Life’s Work.
- Whatever you do , do it with your whole heart, as unto the Lord rather than for man.
- Never underestimate the power of loving relationships and community in both good and difficult times.
- I wish each of you well as you pursue “Your life’s work.”

2 Tim 1:7

Thank you and Q and A