

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 versus 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 onto 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