**Focusing Your Life**

**The goal is not to live a life of selfishness, but to live a life of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* Ephesians 5:7

**LIFE’S 4 MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS**

1. **WHAT WILL BE THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OF MY LIFE?**

*“If riches increase, do not set your heart on them.”* Psalm 62:10

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1. **WHAT WILL BE THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OF MY LIFE?**

*“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son”* Romans 8:29

*“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”* Philippians 2:5

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1. **WHAT WILL BE THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OF MY LIFE?**

*“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”*  1 Peter 4:10

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:10

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1. **WHAT WILL BE THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OF MY LIFE?**

*“For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.”* 1 Thessalonians 1:8

*“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ…”* Philippians 1:27

*“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:16

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**A Poem from Your Neighbor**

I’d rather see a sermon than hear one, any day.

I’d rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way

The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear.

Fine counsel is confusing but an example is always clear.

I can so learn how to do it if you let me see it done

I can catch your hands in action but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true

But I’d rather get my lessons by observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give

But there’s no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

***“I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me… One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”***

Philippians 3:12-14



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