

YOUR LIFE IS YOUR MESSAGE

THREE QUESTIONS:

1. What do you want?
2. What story do you want your life to tell?
3. What story are you telling now?

Mohandas Gandhi: My life is my message.

The truth is: _____ life is his message.

Proverbs 27.19: As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.

Our lives – how we live, the choices we make, the actions we take – reflect and reveal our hearts.

Psalms 90.10,12: Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures ... Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

John Eldredge: There is no other man who can replace you in your life, in the arena you've been called to. If you leave your place in the line, it will remain empty. No one else can be who you are meant to be. You are the hero in your story. Not a bit player, not an extra, but the main man.

You are to be **the leading man** in your life.

If you are going to be the leading man, then you must _____ your life.

To lead your life you must ask and answer the questions, "What do I want?"

HOW DO MEN DEAL WITH THE QUESTION: WHAT DO I WANT?

1. MANY MEN NEVER _____ THE QUESTION.

Many men do what they see other men doing: they get a job, pursue a career, get married, raise a family, find a hobby, and try to be a good guy.

They live good lives but they never ask themselves:

What do I want my story to be?

What was I created to bring into the world?

When it's over, what do I want the message of my life to say?

2. SOME MEN LOOK TO THE PASSIONS OF THE _____.

If you begin to feel that something's missing from your life, it will become _____.

When people are in pain – physical, emotional or spiritual – they will do just about anything they can to change the way they feel.

One of the quickest ways out of emotional pain is turning to a physical pleasure.

If you feel dead inside, maybe that feeling isn't a problem.

Maybe it's a _____ that something needs to change.

3. SOME MEN BECOME _____.

It's always easier to see in other people – how little the things they live for are.

It's always hard to see in ourselves.

You get one life to live – one story to tell.

And then your message will be determined forever.

_____ is happening right now.

Don't let your story be that you were distracted by things that hardly matter in this world and that no one, not even you, will care about in the world to come.

FIRST STEPS TO ANSWERING THE QUESTION: WHAT DO I WANT?

1. TAKE _____

No one can answer the question but you.

It's your life – it's your responsibility.

Your _____ is not responsible for the life you live – neither are your hurts, your disappointments or your present problems.

The difference between boys and men is that men accept responsibility for themselves, their actions and their story.

2. TAKE AN HONEST _____

If an outside observer looked at your life, what would he say you were living for?

Take an inventory of how you're living and determine if it's expressing what you believe is most important for you to achieve with your life.

3. ASK THE QUESTION

Deep inside there is an answer waiting for you – it's _____ answer and it's down inside of you somewhere, written into the fiber of your being.

It will make itself known if you ask and keep asking.

Matthew 7.7-8: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

The verbs in this passage “ask,” “seek” and “knock” are in a Greek tense that is best translated as “keep on asking,” “keep on seeking,” and “keep on knocking.”

4. PRAY

Lord God, you are my Creator and you know me better than I know myself. Reveal to me who I am to be, what I am to do, what message I am to give, what gift I am to bring into the world. Little or small, public or private – reveal it to me, and even before I know what it is, my promise to you is: I will do your will.

Next week’s message is based on the movie “Blood Diamond.” You can watch it on Netflix or Amazon Prime.

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