

MAKING A LIFE STRATEGY “Strategy For Living” Romans 15:20

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.” Romans 15:20 (NIV)

“I was not disobedient to the vision from God.” Acts 26:19

Life Strategy: **is a clearly defined purpose for living.**

I) WHAT A LIFE STRATEGY WILL DO FOR ME

1. IT REDUCES **FRUSTRATION.**

“A double-minded man he is, unsteady in all his ways.” James 1:8 (TBV)

“... the life of a man of divided loyalty will reveal instability at every turn.” James 1:8 (Ph)

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”
Luke 16:13 (NLT)

2. IT INCREASES **MOTIVATION.**

(Paul) *“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me ...”*
Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

“Where there is no vision, the people perish ...” Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

3. IT ALLOWS **CONCENTRATION.**

(Paul) *“I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.”* Philippians 3:13 (NLT)

“I work very hard at this, as I depend on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.”
Colossians 1:29 (NLT)

4. IT ATTRACTS **COOPERATION.**

(Paul) *“... you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now.”* Philippians 1:5 (GN)

“If your goals are good, you will be respected, ...” Proverbs 11:27 (GN)

II) HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR STRATEGIC (PLANNED, INTENTIONAL, TACTICAL, CALCULATED, DELIBERATE PREMEDITATED) LIFE DIRECTION

PREREQUISITE: You have to stop and spend some time alone with God.

“Be still, and know that I am God; ...” Psalms 46:10

1. STEP ONE: I MUST IDENTIFY **MY GIFTS AND MY TALENTS.**

“We each have different gifts, according to the grace given us ... use them in proportion to your faith.” Romans 12:6

- Question: **What abilities has God given to me?**

2. STEP TWO: I MUST REVIEW **MY EXPERIENCES.**

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

“He (God) helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help we ourselves have received from God.”
2 Corinthians 1:4 (GN)

- Question: **What have I learned from my experiences, and how can what I’ve learned help somebody else?**

Don’t waste: **Your hurts**

3. STEP THREE: I MUST DECIDE **WHAT’S REALLY IMPORTANT.**

“You say, ‘I am allowed to do anything’—but not everything is helpful. You say, ‘I am allow to do anything’—but not everything is beneficial.” 1 Corinthians 10:23 (NLT)

- Question: **What’s going to last the longest?**

Two things will last forever:

- **God’s Word** (Mark 13:31)
- **People** (Matthew 25:46)

SUGGESTIONS:

Put it down on paper.

Review it often until it is ingrained in the patter of your life.

“For David served God’s purpose in his own generation and then he died.” Acts 13:36