

Men on mission in life find significance thru Christ!

Many men have benefitted by thinking through their mission in life, as part of doing normal discipleship times with Darin, which gives them motivation for each day of their lives. Asking questions helps to discover what makes a man excited to work hard all day and repeat everything the next morning. **One such question stands out:** *when you hit a pillow at night to finally get some sleep, what do you stay awake wondering about accomplishing?*

Do you think of the people you've impressed or let down?

Does the due date of a project provide the satisfaction or sense of failure that feels like an unending treadmill?

Do we have enough money to handle the material desires or needs we face in the future?

While we need at times to process these matters, a more biblical set of goals motivates a Christian man to live for what outlives him. Speaking of this, a book addresses this precisely called, "**Live for What Outlives You**" (a helpful life story written by our beloved Bill McKenzie who had his homegoing to heaven a year ago this month). Living for an eternal perspective makes us approach each day with purpose. We have Bill's energy and passion.

Men who focus on their missional role as followers of Jesus Christ have the following goal in mind for every day.

Mission: knowing Jesus Christ and making Him known!

This involves every part of our days, beginning with *time alone in God's Word and quiet places to pray* (Lk. 5:16). It requires *letting go of objectives that stand in the way of growing into Christlikeness*, such as worldly ambition or desiring comfort at all costs (1 John 2:15-17).

So many circumstances happen each day that give **opportunities to know Jesus and make our Lord known:**
forgiving the neighbor, who played music too loud to get a good night's sleep, as you head out the door;
telling your business partners you didn't mislead their client because of the Bible's requirement for honesty;
explaining the Gospel at lunch to that curious atheist who thinks you've lived under a rock regarding science;
asking the friend who bothers you at times if he'd like to meet every other week for a one-on-one Bible study;

These daily situations and how we respond reveal what we have as godly or worldly pursuits that define us. Men in discipleship with Darin have shared recently how they've done *evangelism and discipleship through some relationships at work*. This makes it worth all the daily difficulties that otherwise would keep us up at night if we didn't remember what God's Word says He really wants to accomplish. Let's not get distracted (Mt. 28:18-20)!!

During the year everyone receiving this gets prayed for still by name at least once for each letter, so please request prayers about anything going on or others you know with needs whenever you'd like to have something special offered.

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