

**“Focusing My Life”**  
**Series: “Burnout to Balance”**  
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**Margin:** The space between my load and my limits

**The Purpose of a Margin:**

To live a life of \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 1:18 (MSG) *“I ask God...to make your eyes focused and clear, so you can see exactly what it is God is calling you to do...”*

Ephesians 5:17 (ICB) *“Don’t be foolish with your lives.”*

**Life’s 4 Most Important Questions:**

1. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

Psalms 62:10 (NLT) *“If your wealth increases, don’t make it the center of your life.”*

2 Corinthians 5:14 (MSG) *“Christ’s love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from the focused center...”*

Philippians 4:6,7 (MSG) *“Instead of worrying, pray...It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.”*

**(Self-Centered or God-Centered?)**

2. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

Romans 8:29 (LB) *“For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him...should become like His Son.”*

Philippians 2:5 (NCV) *“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.”*

2 Peter 1:5 (MSG) *“Don’t lose a minute in building on what you’ve been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness and generous love.”*

Galatians 5:22, 23 (NLT) *“The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*

**(Comfort or Character?)**

3. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

Using my S.H.A.P.E. to help others.

1 Peter 4:10 (LB) *“God has given each or you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”*

Ephesians 2:10 (LB) *“It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.”*

**(Getting or Giving?)**

4. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

**My Life Message:**

1 Thessalonians 1:8 (MSG) *“Your lives are echoing the Master’s Word...the news of your faith in God is out. We don’t even have to say anything anymore—you’re the message!”*

2 Corinthians 3:2 (MSG) *“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit.”*

Philippians 1:27 (MSG) *“Live in such a way that you are a credit to the message of Christ...”*

Acts 20:24 (LB) *“Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God’s mighty kindness and love.”*

**(Promoting Myself or Jesus Christ?)**