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To Know God's Will for Your Life He Has to Be the Center of Your Life

Colossians 1:16, MSG; 2 Corinthians 5:14, MSG

- I. **Four questions to know our purpose in life and who or what is the center of our life.**
 1. **What will be the center of my life?**
 - a. We will be God-centered or self-centered.
 - b. **How do you know when Jesus is the center of your life?**
 - i. **You worry less**—Worry is the first sign that something or someone has replaced Jesus as the center of your life.
 - ii. If you want to reduce stress and worry put something in the center of your life that never changes. (Hebrews 13:8, NKJV)
 - iii. **You will bounce back faster.**
 - iv. No matter what is going on in your life Jesus has the last word. (2 Corinthians 5:14, MSG)
 - v. **Whatever you think about most of the time is what is at the center of your life.** (Proverbs 3:6, TLB)
 - vi. Put Jesus first—make Him center of your life and He will meet all your needs and make your effort successful. (Matthew 6:33, NKJV)
 2. **What will be the character of our life?**
 - a. God is more concerned with **who you are** than what you do.
 - b. God's will and purpose is a behavior change.
 - c. The life we are living right now is simply preparing us for eternity. (Romans 8:29, TLB)
 - d. God is more concerned with our character than our comfort—God will make us uncomfortable to build our character.
 - e. God is working in our life to make us more like His Son. (Galatians 5:22-23, NKJV; TLB)
 3. **What will be the contribution of our life?**
 - a. How are you going to use your God given talents, gifts, and abilities to further the Kingdom?
 - b. God's purpose and plan for our life is to further the Kingdom. (Ephesians 2:10, TLB)

- c. Never, never confuse *Activity* with *Productivity*.
 - d. Are you a giver or a taker? (Galatians 6:10, NLT)
4. **What will be the communication of our life?**
- a. God has a message only you can deliver—it is your life message. (1 Thessalonians 1:7-8, MSG)
 - b. We share our message two ways:
 - i. First, the way we live and behave. (Philippians 1:27, MSG)
 - ii. Second, when we tell people our life message. (Acts 20:24, TLB)
 - c. Isaiah 26:3-4, TEV