**Perspectives on Strategic Living**

**Life Purpose Gleanings**

**Comment**: These statements are generally accurate, however could vary with individuals in a various stages of life.

**Definition:** A life purpose is a burden-like calling, a task or driving force or achievement, which motivates a leader to fulfill something or to see something done. (Bobby Clinton)

**Life Purpose** is the seedbed from which a focused life grows and develops.

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| **Age** | **12-18 yrs old** | **20-30 yrs. old** | **30-40 yrs. old** | **40-50 yrs. old** | **50-60 yrs. old** | **60+**  |
| **Primary activity in this season.**  | God activates within the person a search for life purpose.  | Hunger for and small inklings of life purpose. | Person begins to articulate their life purpose | Openness to paradigm shifts. Small movements toward life purpose. | Begins to make proactive decisionsthat align with their life purpose | Moves into the full culmination of their life purpose.  |
| **Key Issue** | Awareness | Hunger and desire | Input from others | Self/God- awareness | Pro-active decisions | Narrowing of activities |
| **Personal****Needs** | Lots of Life Experiences | Lots of ministering activities and experience | Accountable support systems | Keen insight | Openness to paradigm shifts | Mentorees to pass the torch on to. |
| **God is…** | Activating their sense of identity | Bringing to surface their passions | Creating a sense of destiny | Granting destiny experiences | Encouraging focused thinking | Living Their Destiny |
| **The Personal Cost**  | Lordship of Christ | Discipleship, learning to walk with God | Devotion to the destiny, remaining flexible | Various disciplines for continued growth  | Wise and a times, sacrificial choices  | Strict Focus |
| **The Danger Zones** | Preoccupation with Self | Being frozen in the “I don’t know” zone, paralysis  | Lack of mentoring from mature leaders | Not grasping God’s paradigm shifts  | Indecisiveness and inattentiveness  | Plateauing & possibly abuse of authority |

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