

What Should Be Your Number One Aim in Life?

2019



How would you complete this sentence?

- *My number one aim (goal) in life is _____ (fill in the blank).*
- *In other words, what is the most important thing in your life on which you base all of the decisions, choices and actions you make that guide and impact your life (we are a product of all the choices we've made and continue to make in life):*
 - *1) To be happy or have fun? 2) To live a life of comfort?*
 - *3) To succeed at my career? 4) To be successful and make money?*
 - *5) To retire? 6) To get married?*
 - *7) To buy a house/car? 8) To be healed from an illness?*

Your answer reveals your dominant life values on which you base all of your decision/choices/actions:

- Authenticity Achievement Adventure Authority Autonomy*
- Balance Beauty Boldness Compassion Challenge Citizenship*
- Community Competency Contribution Creativity Curiosity*
- Determination Fairness Faith Fame Friendships Fun*
- Growth Happiness Honesty Humor Influence Inner
Harmony Justice Kindness Knowledge Leadership Learning*
- Love Loyalty Meaningful Work Openness Optimism Peace*

Your answer reveals your dominant life values on which you base all of your decisions/choices/actions:

- Pleasure Poise Popularity Recognition Religion Reputation*
- Respect Responsibility Security Self-Respect Service*
- Spirituality Stability Success Status Trustworthiness Wealth*
- You will base your decisions/choices/actions on your top (dominant) core values...they guide your life.*
- Whether you know it or not, every time you make a decision, every time you make a choice, you decide what you're going to do based on your unique dominant life values.*

Your answer reveals your dominant life values on which you base all of your decisions/choices/actions:

- *For instance, if my dominant life value is to “have fun”, then this evening, if I get a couple of invitations on the phone, I’m going to choose the thing that’s the most “fun” to do.*
- *If my dominant life value is “comfort”, then I’m going to tend to choose the easiest thing to do...like, I’d rather stay home and lie on the couch and watch TV.*
- *If my dominant life value is “safety”, then I’m going to tend to make every decision based on what’s the “safest choice”.*

What does God have to say about this?

What, according to God, must be your “greatest-number one” aim in life, above all of your other dominant life values, on which you base all of your decision/choices/actions, if you want to experience the best life possible?

*Here is the answer God wants us to give to the question,
“What is my number one aim in life?”*

- 1 Cor 14:1 Pursue love,....
- 1 Cor 14:1 AMP **EAGERLY PURSUE** and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest];.....
- 1 Cor 14:1 NLT Let love be your highest goal!....
- 1 Cor 14:1 Message Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it — because it does.
- 1 Cor 14:1 TLB Let love be your greatest aim;....

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“What is my number one aim in life?”*

- 1 Cor 16:14 *Let all that you do be done with love.*
- 1 Cor 16:14 NIV *Do everything in love.*
- 1 Cor 16:14 AMP *Let everything you do be done in love (true love to God and man as inspired by God's love for us).*
- What does this “love value” include? *Everything!!!*
 - Includes all relationships: *the way you relate to your spouse...your parents...your children...your siblings...your hard-to-get-along-with-neighbor, boss, coworkers, the rude cashier at the grocery store...everything is to be done with what aim?...LOVE.*

God's answer has nothing to do with "status, success, money, retirement, comfort, keeping up with the Joneses or any other dominant life value".....you have other values BUT the number one-top-of-the-list value above all other life values you have must be

LOVE

*Why does God want us to have “love as our greatest aim” in
live above all other values.*

Because God is love (1 Jn 4/8) and He wants us to become more like Him.

He doesn't just “have love”....He “is love”!!!

*We are made in God's image so we have the capability of not
only “human love” but through God's Holy Spirit we have the
ability to learn and grow in “Godly love”.*

We have been put on this earth to learn, to practice, and to grow in “Godly love”.....but it takes focus and it takes daily practice....but God does not command us to do something that we humans are not capable of doing.

Deut 30/11-14....”...not too hard for you...not beyond your reach....you can do it....”

With God in your life....you can do it.

Loving – Is a Commandment – Not a Suggestion

- *Matt 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."*

Loving – Is a Commandment – Not a Suggestion

- *40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."*
 - *This verse does not say that these two commandments “replace” God’s Torah (Law). . . . God’s Torah remains but obedience to the Torah (God’s Law) must lead to the overall aim of 1) Loving God and “Loving Others”. The motives behind “doing” the commandments found in God’s Law must lead to LOVE.*
 - *The Ten Commandments are subcategories of all of the 613 Torah commandments. . . . they have not been done away with.*

Here is another way of having LOVE as your greatest aim in life.

- Matt 6:31-34 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 *But seek first the kingdom of God (who is LOVE) and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.* 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

*If your decision, choice, and action in life passes this
“number-one-dominant-life value”*

“Seek first KOG and Love God/Others”

*Then go for it. . . .be assured that God will support your
decision. . . .He will support every e-mail you send, everything
you say, every career decision you make, every relationship-
conflict resolution you attempt, etc.*

*Knowing that God loves you and for this reason you
want to love God back,*

*is what helped Ofie, Mike, and I go through an extremely
severe challenge at work many years ago.*

*This message was just an introduction to the series on
Love God & Love Other!!!*

Vision/Mission/Value Statements of the COGSA

- *Mission*: “To make disciples who make disciples...and in the process, help change lives through the Power of God’s Applied Word to heal a broken-hurting world”.
- *Vision*: “To prepare a people for servant-leadership with Christ in Tomorrow’s New World”.
- *Values*: “To represent the government of God on earth in all areas of life by demonstrating the following behaviors:
 - *Love God (Worship)*
 - *Love One Another (Fellowship/Ministry)*
 - *Love the World (Evangelism)*

Our Mission Field Statement

● *Anyone being called by God who is not yet under the influence of Jesus the Messiah as well as those who choose to be drawn closer to God through a deeper and fuller level of –*

- *Knowledge*
- *Understanding*
- *Application*

of God's Word, including long-lost-biblical-truths that are rarely taught in most churches that when applied will lead to true success in this life and everlasting life in the future.

June 9th - Sunday

Pentecost

(Valencia Room – 11:15am)

potluck

Cancel Sabbath, June 8th.