

What Is Your Goal?

We are formed in our every day to be independent, self-sufficient and personally successful in every way. We are hounded by the latest and greatest in: technology, cars, mobile devices, appliances, fashion and the next best thing. Did you ever stop to think about the goal of keeping up with the world and the biggest and best ideas and fads? If we achieve the status of being socially hip and up to date, what do we gain from it in the long run? Have you ever noticed just how fleeting the things of this are?

“Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded...” James 5: 2

But what if your life suddenly had a value and a worth that no price could match? What if happiness was found not in the things around you, but the simple beauty within? What if we acted upon every question of “What if...”?

We work to build ourselves, in the eyes of others, and in the eyes of ourselves, but how do we appear to the eyes of God? We live as though God were not there. We spend, we hoard, we collect, lie, steal, withhold, scheme and so on, without care for anyone other than that of ourselves. Who is it that God wishes that we become...

“Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!” Numbers 11:29

God so desires that we be people who live and exist for the good of all people, to live not for one’s own sake, but for the sake of those most in need. Jesus teaches us that it would be better to be maimed, poor and homeless, than to be selfish and rich in the spirit of this world. Can we be honest enough with ourselves, and in the gaze of God, to evaluate our lives and see where we can simplify, be humbled in spirit and possessions; as well as to look at the gifts that we have been given, and how we can use those gifts for the benefit of others?

***“Try not to become a man
of success, but rather try to
become a man of value.”
Albert Einstein***

Jesus,
my desire is to be more like you.
To walk in your footsteps, to follow in your ways.
The ways of truth and kindness, of charity and humility.
To grow in the grace of your presence in others.
To be awed by creation in all its forms.
To live for you, and become a richer part of your love.

AMEN