



Week of November 09, 2009

Stages of Life

18 20 24 27 30 35 40 45 50 60 65 70

<i>Learning Years</i>	<i>Contributing Years</i>	<i>Investing Years</i>
Critical Question Who am I?	Critical Question Why am I here?	Critical Question What will be my legacy?
Characteristics High activity Searching / verifying Survival	Characteristics Intense schedule Questioning / adjusting Success	Characteristics Focused / looser schedule Accepting Significance
Critical Ingredient Faithfulness (Luke 16:10-12)	Critical Ingredient Stewardship (Matthew 25:14-30)	Critical Ingredient Generosity (2 Corinthians 8:9)
Greatest Dangers Poor life decisions Weak inner life Not knowing self	Greatest Dangers Mid-life meltdown Dabbling Plateau – stationary	Greatest Dangers Coasting Isolation Security-driven
Greatest Needs Gain exposure / experience Understand self Upward mentors	Greatest Needs Develop balance Clarify purpose Peer mentors	Greatest Needs Maximize impact Invest self Downward mentors

Suggested Uses:

1. Personal reflection on the questions below.
2. Discussion between husband and wife OR friend to friend.
3. Small group discussion.

Questions:

1. Which of the three stages of life are you in right now?
2. How accurately does it describe your life right now?
3. How would you answer the critical question for your stage of life?
4. How can you overcome or minimize the greatest dangers at your stage of life?
5. How can you meet the needs you have in your stage of life?

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