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Big G or little g?

The entire future of your life depends on the answer to one question. It's a deceptively simple question. In fact, you probably can answer it quickly with very little thought. But don't! The answer is too important to respond in haste. Take your time and reflect on your answer. This is no time to play games. Ready?

What is at the very center of your life?

A young boy faced a similar situation when his Sunday school teacher asked him a especially tough question. After a long pause, he replied, "Well, I know the answer is "God," but I just can't figure out how!" He knew the "right" answer; but was it the "true" answer?

Your answer is the "mainspring" of your life. It's the "one thing" your life revolves around. It's what makes you – you. Whatever is at the center of your life is what makes life worth living for you. It's the engine that drives you forward and keeps you going. Your everyday attitudes and actions are influenced, reflected and controlled by it. It's the hub around which everything else in your life spins. In short, it's the driving force of your life.

I'll make it easier for you. There are only two possible answers. Either your answer will be **god** or **God**. So is your final answer a "little g" or a "Big G?" It's one or the other.

Take an honest look at your life. Have you built it around one of the three gods of modern times – *Money? Sex? or Power?* Or perhaps it's one of the top three gods of all time – *Me? Myself? or I?* Be brutally frank with yourself. Examine the evidence. You may not like the images that flash before your eyes. If so, God is waiting and willing to talk with you about whatever god you've placed at the center of your life.

But maybe you can honestly say the God is at the center of your life. You've accepted by faith His free gift of salvation through God's grace. If so, take one more look. Is Jesus not only your *Savior*, but also your *Lord*? There are very few Christians who simultaneously accept Jesus as *Savior* and *Lord*. We may say the words at the moment of salvation, but it usually takes time and experience to fully comprehend that *salvation* is not the same thing as *surrender*. *Surrender* usually comes at some future point when we finally understand that we cannot live the Christian life in our own power. "Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal through human effort? (Galatians 3:1). So is God your *Savior*, or your *Savior and Lord*?

The circles below represent your life. The inner circle signifies the "very center" of your life. When you're ready, write one word on the blank in the center circle that sums up what you've decided to build your life around.

