

IS YOUR LIFE A JOURNEY OR A JOYRIDE?

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DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?

Planning a business trip or a vacation requires considerable effort. You must establish your itinerary, make your reservations, schedule your appointments, pack the right clothing, and arrange for essential things to get handled at home and at work while you're away. The planning can be tedious and time consuming. In spite of the effort required, you plan those *occasional* trips with great detail. How well do you plan and organize your *daily* journey—the journey that you are continually taking through time?

Your life's (professional or personal) journey is the most important journey you'll ever take, and you only make it once! But ironically, most people devote more time to planning a two-week vacation than to planning the other fifty weeks of the year. They have little or no idea where they are going with their lives. Ralph Waldo Emerson proclaimed, "The world makes way for the man who knows where he's going."

So, do you know where you're really going?

- Where have you been heading for the past few years? Are you now where you had planned to be?
- Are you working toward achieving your own goals, or do other people and outside influences largely determine your direction and agenda?
- Where do you intend to be in one week, in one year, in five years?

What do your answers indicate? Are you pleased with your answers? Or are your answers indicative of not spending enough time planning and organizing your life? Successful people determine where they are going and develop specific plans to get there. Because they are well-prepared, they travel their life journey with vitality and confidence.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice,"
said William Jennings Bryan. "It is not a thing to be waited for;
it is a thing to be achieved."



Don't get trapped behind your own ego. Now is the time to sit down and seriously ask yourself the questions above. Do not chance missing your dream.