

## **“HOW TO GET WHAT YOU REALLY WANT: LAST THINGS FIRST”**

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### **WHAT DO YOU WANT?**

1. **WE WILL NEVER GET WHAT WE REALLY WANT UNTIL WE DISCOVER WHAT WE REALLY VALUE.**
2. **WHAT WE NATURALLY WANT IS OFTEN IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT WE ULTIMATELY VALUE.**
3. **I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I DO. FOR WHAT I WANT TO DO I DO NOT DO, BUT WHAT I HATE, I DO. (ROMANS 7:15)**

### **HOW DO WE DISCOVER WHAT WE VALUE?**

1. **WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO SAY ABOUT YOU AT YOUR FUNERAL?**  
“If you carefully consider what you wanted to be said of you in the funeral experience, you will find your definition of success.” “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People,” p. 98
  - A. **SHOCK: MY DEFINITION OF SUCCESS IS CHARACTER-CENTERED, NOT ACCOMPLISHMENT-CENTERED.**
  - B. **SIN BECAME SYNONYMOUS WITH FAILURE.**
2. **WHAT DOES GOD WANT FOR YOU? FOR YOU, NOT FROM YOU!**
  - A. **GOD WANTS TO WORK HIS SPIRIT IN/FOR/THROUGH YOU, NOT FROM YOU!**  
But the fruit of the Spirit is... (Galatians 5:22a)
  - B. **JESUS, WHO ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN ALL OF US COMBINED, SAID TO FOLLOW HIM TO THESE CHARACTERISTICS.**  
...Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22b-23)

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24)

### **MEMORY VERSE**

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)

### **HOW DO WE GET WHAT GOD WANTS FOR US?**

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:40)

- A. **GOD HAS ALREADY DELIVERED WHAT HE WANTS FOR YOU: JESUS.**  
But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

### **GOING DEEPER**

1. What do you want your immediate family, your friends, your colleagues/classmates, and your church or community to say about you at your funeral?
2. What did you learn about yourself in this exercise?
3. Make your own list of what you believe God wants for you. Not from you, but for you. Measure your list against what His word says, like in Galatians 5:22-23, and see what is similar and different.