

NOT PEACE BUT GLORY

Mary Bethune: Faith ought not be a puny thing. If you believe, have faith like a giant.
And may God grant you not peace, but glory.

You can live a comfortable life or you can live a _____ life.
You can live an easy life or you can live a glorious life.
Now, which do you think you were created for?

The Locard Exchange Principle: Wherever you go, you will leave a _____.
With every step, every decision, every action, there is an _____ you
are making – you are picking up something and you are leaving something behind
that says, “I was here.”

You will make your mark – the only question is: What kind of mark will you make?
You possess a human life – there is nothing on this planet that is more powerful, that
possesses more potential or that is more valuable.

The life you possess is too _____ to waste and too valuable to squander.
There’s nothing wrong with wealth and recognition and professional success.
But if that’s all you live for, it does not create a life that is glorious.
It creates lives that are miserable and ugly and _____.

At the end of a life, when people think about what matters and what makes a life worth
living, they talk about giving, they talk about _____, they talk about putting
others first and yourself second.

George Bernard Shaw: This is the true joy in life ... being used for a purpose
recognized by yourself as a mighty one; ... being a force of nature instead of a
feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will
not devote itself to making you happy. Life is no "brief candle" for me. It is a sort of
splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn
as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

Your life will never be greater than the _____ you live for.
If you want to live a truly great life, you must live for a truly great purpose.
Your goal should not be comfort and peace but making a _____ that
is magnificent and glorious.

“But I don’t know what to do with my life.”

You should _____.

This world is messed up in a thousand different ways.
Pick one and do something that will change it into more of what Jesus wants it to be.

Clint Eastwood: A man's got to know his limitations.

The energy in your body, the hours in your day, the days in your life – they are all limited.

You can do just about anything, but you cannot do _____.

That means you need to determine what you think is truly important to accomplish with your life and be intentional and focused in setting your priorities and making it happen.

There is some _____ in you.

If you don't discover it and live it out, your life will never be what it could be and you'll never know the joy that you were meant to experience.

Ed Sissman:

Men past forty get up nights, look out at city lights and wonder where they made the wrong turn and why life is so long.

Living with a sense of passion will not make your life _____.

Pat Tillman: Sometimes my need to love hurts. Is there a cure? Of course. But I refuse. Refuse to stop loving, to stop caring. To avoid those tears, that pain... To err on the side of passion is human and right and the only way I'll live.

Life can be hard when you become passionate about some part of the world that needs to change.

There's only one thing harder: living a life where you have no passion that you believe is worth giving your life to.

Three Questions to Help You Think about Your Passion:

1. If I could change the world in just one way, what would it be?
2. If I knew I could not fail, what would I do for God?
3. When do I find myself shaking my head, saying to myself, "Someone should do something about that?"

T. E. Lawrence: All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find it was vanity. But the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, to make it possible. This I did.

We are created to be dreamers of the day, dreamers of the new day God wants for this world and dangerous to the way things are that deceive, demean and destroy those who God loves.

Ted Kennedy: My brother need not be idealized or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life; to be remembered simply as a good and decent man, who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it. Those of us who loved him and who take him to his rest today, pray that what he was to us and what he wished for others will someday come to pass for all the world. As he said many times, in many parts of this nation, to those he touched and who sought to touch him: "Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not."

Dreaming is essential, but not _____.

To change the world, you must do more than dream, you must act on that dream.

You must become that dream's defender and promoter.

You must become its _____.

John 10.11-13: The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

Jesus says there's a difference between the shepherd and the hireling.

The hireling has a job.

The shepherd has a _____.

The hireling cares about himself.

The shepherd cares about the sheep.

When being faithful becomes dangerous and difficult, the hireling runs away.

When being faithful becomes dangerous and difficult, the shepherd is willing to _____ himself.

The hireling does the least he has to in order to fulfill his task.

The shepherd does _____ to fulfill his trust.

The difference?

The hireling does not _____ the sheep.

The shepherd possesses a sense of ownership and so he invests himself fully in the trust he has been given.