

Know what you're FOR Part 2: FOR You

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Let's talk about your life strategy. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the word *strategy* means "a careful plan or method, or the art of devising or employing plans toward a goal." Your life strategy is the way - the plan or method - that you live out your answers to the two key questions we've reviewed (1) What do you want to be known FOR? and (2) What are you known FOR? Whether we want to admit it or not, we're already living out *some* kind of life strategy. But is it the one you really want to be living? Consider your life strategy as you answer the following questions:

- What thoughts or questions come to mind when you think about having a life strategy?
- Consider your daily routines and your weekly or monthly rhythms. How do you define what your life strategy has been until this point?
- There are two vital components to a life strategy: ***your purpose and your actions***. In fact, your life strategy is your purpose in action. How would you describe your specific purpose in life? What actions do you take to live out that purpose?
- Now that you've defined what you're for and you've defined your purpose and your actions, revisit your life strategy. Where do you want your life strategy to be moving towards?
- Your life strategy should easily translate to any environment where you are working, living, and serving. This is important because you don't just *tell* people you are for them but *show* them with your actions. Given this, how does your relationship with God influence your life strategy?
- What keeps you from creating an intentional method or plan for your life? Are there any fears, past messages, or people holding you back from leaning into your life strategy?
- Who could you share your life strategy with this month? Think of one or two people in your life who are safe and trustworthy - people who are for you. Share your strategy with them.
- If you're still kicking around a few strategy ideas, ask for their input. What do they see as your life strategy? How would they describe your purpose and your actions?

Read Luke 6: 43 dash 44. In these verses, Jesus refers to the fruit in your life ... and by fruit, he means your words and actions.

When you board a plane, every airline attendant says the same thing: "In case of an emergency, put your own oxygen mask on first." Life requires a lot of energy, creativity, and leadership, which means you need to spend time taking care of yourself so you can be the best version of you to give to others. Truly, the greatest gift you can give to the world around you is an inspired, rejuvenated, fully alive you. With this in mind, read Galatians 6:1-10.

Close your time in prayer by thanking God for giving you the desire to produce good things from a good heart. Ask him to give you the willingness to consider the way he wants you to live your life strategy.