

The Smallest Stage - Pray and Plan

Goal: To lead us in thinking through the stages of our life in 2018. What do we need to do? What do we hope to do?

Stages

In our lives, we occupy several places where we invest our hearts and find joy. We might call these “stages” that radiate out in concentric circles from the smallest, most secret stage to the larger, more public stages.

1. Our Relationship with God.
2. Our Relationship with Self.
3. Our Relationship with Family.
4. Our Relationship to Community (Church, Friends, Neighbors)
5. Our Relationship to our Vocation.
6. Our Relationship to Future Opportunities.

None of these stages are morally inferior or superior to the others. Rather, each has its proper place in our lives when we are rightly responding to God and one another.

As you consider these stages and your life in 2018, prayerfully, Ask the following questions about each stage.

- What do I need to do?
- What do I hope to do?

God

- What do I need to do?
- What do I hope to do?

Self

- Physical Life
 - What do I need to do?
 - What do I hope to do?
- Work/Rest
 - What do I need to do?
 - What do I hope to do?
- Mental Life
 - What do I need to do?
 - What do I hope to do?

Family

- Marriage
 - What do I/we need to do?
 - What do I/we hope to do?
- Children
 - What do I/we need to do?
 - What do I/we hope to do?

Community

- Church
 - What do I/we need to do?

- What do I/we hope to do?
- Friends
 - What do I/we need to do?
 - What do I/we hope to do?
- Neighbors
 - What do I/we need to do?
 - What do I/we hope to do?

Vocation

- What do I/we need to do?
- What do I/we hope to do?

Future Opportunities

- What do I/we need to do?
- What do I/we hope to do?

Now,

- Pick the two most important things to press into for 2018 and write out a plan for how you will do this.
- Share this with two other people who will encourage you and hold you accountable toward your goals.