

4 Elevate Your Expectations

Every life journey is different because backgrounds, opportunities, personalities, financial resources, skills, talents and thought processes of people are all different. However, there are principles that can help every person answer the vital question: What should I do with my life?

To answer this question, you must elevate your expectations.

"The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose." —Robert Byrne

"Blessed is he who expects nothing in life for he shall never be disappointed." —Benjamin Franklin

We all deal with the impact of expectations in 3 dimensions:

- Expectations we have for ourselves
- Expectations we have for others
- Expectations others have of us

"Nurture great thoughts, for you will never go higher than your thoughts." —Benjamin Disraeli

Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things. Philippians 4:8

"There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something tomorrow." —O.S. Marden

Discovering the Power of Great Expectations:

E-L-E-V-A-T-E

Experience

"Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is like expecting a bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian." —Dennis Wholey

Learning

"Only when you make the right changes to your thinking do other things begin to turn out right." —John Maxwell, *Thinking for a Change*

"Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits." —Thomas Edison

Endurance

"It's easy to have faith in yourself and have discipline when you're a winner, when you're number one. What you got to have is faith and discipline when you're not a winner." —Vince Lombardi

Vision

Where there is no vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18

"People will never attain what they cannot see themselves doing." —Karen Ford

Attitude

It is the "advance man" of our true selves.

Its roots are inward, but its fruit

is outward.

It is our best friend or our worst enemy.

It is more honest and more consistent than our words.

It is a thing which draws people to us or repels them from us.

It is the librarian of our past.

It is the speaker of our present.

It is the prophet of our future. —John Maxwell

Thankfulness

I am convinced your expectations in life will be fulfilled and enlarged in direct proportion to your appreciation of your life today.

Excellence

"The quality of a man's life is in direct proportion to his commitment to excellence." —Tom Landry

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth. Psalm 8:1

God's plan and purpose never disappoints!

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