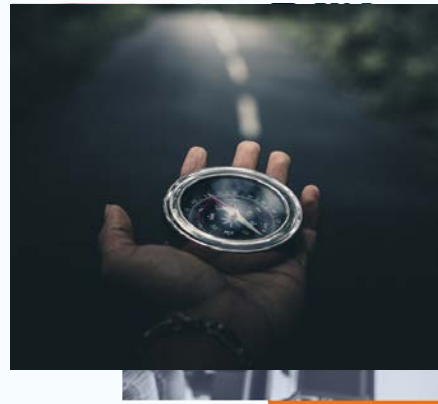


MODULE 1 STUDENT PROMPT

A Life Worth Living



HUMAN DIGNITY AND TIME WELL SPENT

Was it worth it?

“It” is your life. This class. That [game](#). Those things you have to do tomorrow.

(You should know, up front, in case you haven’t already clicked it yet, that whenever you see a link in a prompt, as in that first line, do click on it – it contains information you need to know in order to complete your project and pass this class.

The question is this: If you tracked all of the time you spent in the past 24 hours, was it worth it?

Steve Jobs, the former CEO of Apple who died from cancer in 2014, gave the graduation speech at Stanford in 2005. He said:

I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: ‘If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?’ And whenever the answer has been ‘No’ for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something.

After he learned that he had cancer, he said that [death was the most important tool he’d ever encountered](#) to help him make big choices in life, “because almost everything – all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure – these things fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important.”

If you’re hungry and want to listen to the entire speech, [here it is](#).

On the other hand, David Cassidy, the childhood star from the 1970’s – he would be the equivalent to Justin Bieber today – died in 2017 uttering the last words [“So much wasted time...”](#)

When was the last time you looked in the mirror and asked yourself the question that Steve Jobs posed:

If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?

If you don’t ask this question, [the direction of your life will be decided for you by external forces](#).

Only by intentionally choosing a path can you direct your life to a meaningful goal.

As you read through the resources, begin asking yourself, “What is worth wanting?” [You only get to worship at one of five altars](#). Which do you chose? This is what you worth-ship.

YOUR MISSION: AN ODYSSEY PROJECT

The goal of this course is to help you be the entrepreneur of your own life, which means giving you the tools to design a life worth living.

Right now, you're in a time of transition and opportunity. There are lots of expectations and assumptions about what you will do next. But you're the one responsible for creating a life worth living. What is worth doing with your one, unrepeatable life?

In this course, you're going to begin discovering that.

In the first two modules, you'll begin discovering your personal vocation: how God created you to flourish and provide value to the world. And then in Module 3, you get to decide your direction for the rest of this course: your Odyssey Project.

You will pick something you want to achieve or create over the next two years of your life, and use the entire course to work on developing this plan.

Do you want to start a business? Do you want to get into a particular college? Do you want to take a gap year and travel the world? This course will help you do those things.

Your final project for this course has two parts: a public presentation of your Odyssey Project with the actions you've taken toward it, and then a Moral Compass paper describing what you've learned about yourself and how you're motivated – a paper which only your teacher will read because it should be personal and reflective.

Who are you? Who has God made you to be? You'll spend the entire course discovering more about that and the implications for how you are called to create real and lasting human value in the world.

That's why we've given you this journal. More than just teaching you concepts, we want you to discover who you are and then take action to serve others based on that unique gift that only you can give.

Your final project won't be graded on how big or ambitious your life plan is. You'll be graded on how much heart, effort, and passion you pour into it. How self-aware you are. How much this plan is connected to your personal vocation. This journal is an invaluable tool to help you succeed.

You are the entrepreneur of your own life. Pay attention to your heart and God's voice through this course. Take notes.

When this course is over, you will have the tools, self-awareness, and plan for creating a life worth living.

For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul? - Mark 8:36