

Four Questions for Direction

You no doubt have heard the story – and maybe experienced a similar conversation – about the married couple on a long-distance road trip.

The husband, who is driving, announces, “I’ve got good news and bad news for you. The bad news is ... we’re lost. The good news is ... we’re making great time!”

It’s too easy to live our lives like that, isn’t it? Making great time, but not sure if we’re heading in the right direction.



Susan Ertz – a British fiction writer and novelist, known for her “sentimental tales of genteel life in the country” – provocatively said, “Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.”

The problem is, they know they would like to accomplish something important with their lives or to somehow make a difference. But when it comes to making the journey toward those destinations, they feel stuck. In short, they are lost.

Author and motivational speaker Danny Cox, retired Air Force test pilot – who has appeared at Life Care functions a couple of times – in his book *Seize the Day*, tells of a man who made a great success of his life in spite of tremendous hardships. The moment that ultimately turned this man’s life around was when he sat down and asked himself four important questions:

1. What do I really want? He didn’t want to just sleepwalk through life, nor look back someday and feel regret.
2. What will it cost? In time, money and commitment.
3. Am I willing to pay the price?
4. When is the best time to start paying the price?

Perhaps the most difficult of these questions is: What do you really want? You should spend enough time deciding on your answer. But once you figure it out, the other questions will be easy.

Answer these four questions and you will get clarity on the direction you want to take your life. Commit to these answers and you’ll make great time.

She does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it (Proverbs 5:6 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter