

In case you didn't already know, God wants you to absolutely ooze with an extraordinary, Christhonoring greatness!

Welcome to the first day in a refreshing new chapter of your life!

Experiencing the fullness of this blessed new chapter, however, requires that you do something critically important. What you need to do is make a deliberate *shift* in your everyday thinking.

Yes, a shift in your thinking.

You need to *shift* toward accessing a reality that far too many people never quite experience for themselves.

In fact, this reality of holy, Christ-honoring greatness rarely crosses the minds of even most Christians today.

What is this often forgotten truth that I'm speaking of?

What is absolutely guaranteed to make you ooze with a holy boldness and start living a life of extraordinary greatness today?

Why, it's a magnified vision of the mold from which you were created, of course!

A Great Mold

There are billions upon billions of creatures in this universe, yet only one brand of creature was ever made in the glorious image of God.

No dolphin or bird or heavenly cherubim would ever boast of being created in God's image.

No butterfly or lion or angelic being would ever bother to ponder such a thought. But understand this: As God's beloved and redeemed child, you both *can* and *should* proclaim this lifechanging truth for yourself.

Yes, you need to <u>leverage your position</u> in this universe as someone who bears the very fingerprint of God.

Frankly, it's about time God's people started living on the outside who we truly are on the inside. And this new life of extraordinary greatness begins for you the very moment you resolve to magnify your vision of God's amazing plan for your life.

Starting right now, prepare to be transformed into <u>a more</u> confident person who impacts the world around you in both amazing and Christ-honoring ways.

Buckle up, beloved, and enjoy the life-changing ride!

What God Wants From You

I believe that God expects you to be more than merely *ordinary*. In fact, I believe the Bible teaches that God desires for His people to live an extraordinary life of impact!

We are to be light in the darkness, salt to the world, and ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

Yes, God's desire is for you to live an extraordinary life so that you impact the people around you for His glory alone.

How to Live an Extraordinary Life

First and foremost, if you don't know <u>Jesus Christ as your</u> <u>Lord and Savior</u>, these keys to an extraordinary life of impact are not for you.

These are for Christians who love their Master.

If you haven't yet turned from your sin and surrendered your life to the Master, you need to do that first. And soon. (CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT HOW)

But if Jesus is, indeed, the Lord and love of your life, then you do have both the power and the resources at your disposal to live an extraordinary life of significant impact. God will bless you in eternity and use you for His glory here on Earth. You can enjoy life and have it in abundance, regardless of your current circumstances.

And so, to be used by God in extraordinary ways sometimes requires the need to start over, begin afresh, or simply take a few moments out of our overly busy schedules and take inventory.

Question: How is your life right now?

Are you living an extraordinary life or impact, or is it rather average at the moment?

Are you satisfied with where you're at in your life's journey, or are you asking God to open a new door?

Have you been misappropriating the resources God placed in your hands?

Are you wanting to live an extraordinary life for God's glory, or are you hoping to spend it on your pleasures?

Keys to an Extraordinary Life of Impact

So without further ado, here are the 7 keys (steps) that you should commit to so as to begin living an extraordinary life of significant greatness.

1. Magnify Your Vision

First off, stop thinking small.

People of little significance pray little prayers, expecting God to remain impotent and not do very much.

Understand that God is greater than you can ever imagine. Nothing is difficult for God and He never breaks a sweat. It is not more challenging for God to cure you of cancer than it is to find you a good parking spot at the mall!

Increase your faith in a BIG GOD who can do mighty and amazing things.

Don't think small.

Think biblically.

Think BIG!

2. Discovering Your True Identity

You were created in the image of God, placed on Earth to live for His glory, and He saved you. When you finally exhale your last breath, God will bring you home to Heaven where Jesus has built a heavenly room...just for you.

God wrote your name down in the Lamb's Book of Life.

When Christ spilled His blood on Calvary's cross, He took the full blunt of the Father's wrath for your sin.

All of your sin!

God loves you more than you could ever begin to imagine, and your are to call Him, "Abba! Father!"

Yes, that's who you are. That's your true identity!

3. Defining Your Self-Image

What do you see when you look in the mirror?

Get that image in your head for a moment.

Now, what do you think God sees when He looks at you?

How different are those two images?

What you need to do is to begin getting your self-image to become more congruent with God's true assessment. It may take some time, a process of spiritual maturing, and help from other people, but you can get there in God's power.

Begin asking yourself questions like,

- What do I really want my life to look like or become?
- What kind of person do I want to be?

• How can I serve God in that greater capacity?

Understand this, that if you cannot (or will not) define what your extraordinary life is supposed to look like or become, then rest assured that you'll never, ever, ever receive it.

4. Overcoming The Past

You are not your past failures.

Yes, you've made mistakes and you've sinned and you're going to make more mistakes and sin more in the future. But God has forgiven all of it.

God forgave you, so begin your extraordinary life today by forgiving yourself. And once you forgive yourself, then forget your past failures and focus on the present/future.

Don't carry that old baggage around with you. You need to forget what is behind and press forward to what is ahead.

God is the God of second chances, and today is a brand new day.

5. Establish A New Status Quo

What is the status quo, you ask?

The status quo is the way things have always been for you. It is the expected routine of your life.

It is the same old job, the same bad decisions, the same environment, the same...

Same, same, same!

You can't live an extraordinary life while you're swimming in the Sea of Mediocrity.

Move beyond the ordinary, the average, the mundane, and begin seeking out new ways to do the things that need to be done.

Few people actually go through the effort to establish a new status quo in their lives, which is why so few people ever experience an extraordinary life of impact.

Don't let that happen to you.

6. Preparing For The Harvest

I don't know the first thing about farming, my thumbs aren't green, and I can barely keep my lawn alive. But I do know the basic theory of it all.

When it comes to living an extraordinary life, you need to prepare for the harvest by doing the following:

Plow the Fields of Opportunity

Search out new ways to get what you want out of life, and don't give up until you know exactly what you need to do.

Sow Seeds of Success

Once you've determined which opportunity to pursue, begin planting your seeds in that area.

Touch, touch, touch.

Crops don't grow without seeds first being planted, and the extraordinary life is a mere pipe dream if you don't sow some seeds in your field of opportunity.

Watering and Weeding

Nothing grows without water and your crop will get choked out by the weeds if left unattended. To water your opportunities means they need to be massaged and managed.

Get yourself a weekly schedule (<u>like this free weekly</u> schedule template I created) and pull up the weeds in your life that are sucking away the time from your day.

Focus!

7. Living Your Legacy

Your life is not for you.

Your life is meant to be a blessing to other people.

Your purpose in this life is to direct people to know the Savior; to worship God, to fellowship with other believers, and to minister to others around the world.

God won't give you in extraordinary life if you mean to waste it on worldly pleasures, sin, or...whatever.

You need to <u>be a mentor</u> to someone in need, to <u>motivate</u> <u>the people around you</u>, and to become a <u>person of</u> influence.

To live an extraordinary life means to leave a legacy of impact.

Ok, Now What?

It's not enough to merely *read* about how to live a better life; you actually need to *do* something about it!

What are you going to do now?

Are you thinking about starting a new business, beginning a new ministry, or writing a book?

Please, do something today.

Don't wait for tomorrow, because there is always another tomorrow. (Or at least <u>lazy people</u> assume there will be.)

But often there isn't another tomorrow, or a next time.

Please, send me an email with what you've been thinking about doing and what your biggest obstacle in life is. Let's start a conversation and see where it goes.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and selfcontrol." (2 Timothy 1:7)

May God richly bless you in all that you do!

In Christ,
Charles Specht

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