

Become Known



“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” The Apostle Paul | Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

More Than a Gifting

Imagine you're a coach, charged with building a winning football team.

You'd want to recruit the best players for each position, right? Players who are not simply gifted, but who have studied, trained, practiced and played to such an extent that they're known for being the best at what they do.

Now imagine you're God, assembling the most effective body of believers to build his kingdom. You'd fit each part together perfectly, everyone in exactly the role you designed them for. Each would be known for being the best at what they do. Of course!

But there's a catch... God's gifting alone is not enough! A responsibility comes with it. We need to study, train, practice and gain experience at doing what God planned for us to become the best, to become known.

Practice Your Life Mission

I've always been intrigued by the way we describe the work of certain professionals, doctors and lawyers for example. A lawyer "practices" law. A physician hangs a shingle and begins his "practice". Over time, they develop a reputation, becoming known to the community for their expertise. Why limit the use of this term?

Your Life Mission is the unique role that God has you here to accomplish while here on Earth. It's your "practice", your function in the body of believers and God has perfectly gifted you for it.

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." The Apostle Peter | 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

Like a physician, you have a responsibility to hone your gift to become known as the best. Perhaps it's time to hang your shingle and start to develop your practice?

Invest 10,000 Hours

Malcom Gladwell popularized the concept of the 10,000 hour rule in his book "Outliers". He promotes that to become a master of something, it takes 10,000 hours of practice. Of course, at 5'7" and 143 lbs, no number of hours of practice could land me in the NFL! Gifting is required first. Praise the Lord you already have this!

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress."
The Apostle Paul | 1 Timothy 4:14-15 (NLT)

While there is debate around the validity this 10,000 hour concept, there is little question that a gifted person must invest an extensive amount of time to become an expert in their role.

When I became a financial advisor, I decided to create a financial plan for every person I met. At first, I was dependent on a software tool to determine if someone was on track. After I'd done hundreds of plans, I could quickly see everything in my head. The investment of substantial time helped me develop the reputation as an expert.

Perfect Your Process

When I decided to become a financial advisor, my Life Mission ("Helping free people financially so that they can live the life they were meant to live.") was my driving force. My decision to prepare a financial plan for each client proved to be a key piece of the process of moving someone from prospect to longstanding relationship. It forced me to get to know people, not just their financial situation, but their hopes, dreams and even spiritual life. Most importantly, it opened the door for me to accomplish my Life Mission.

Over time, I perfected my process, embedding concepts that moved people from fearfulness to hopefulness. My process was a vital piece in accomplishing my mission.

God charges you to fulfill your Life Mission... what is your process?

“Each Sabbath found Paul at the synagogue, trying to convince the Jews and Greeks alike. And after Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul spent all his time preaching the word. He testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.” Acts 18:4-5 (NLT)

The Apostle Paul’s Life Mission? Bringing the Good News to the Gentiles. His process? Engaging people, preaching and testifying of the Good News in effort to convert them. Paul was known for his ability to bring his message powerfully, steeped with scripture, while relevant to all audiences. He perfected his process.

Accomplishing your Life Mission is your role in the body of Christ. It’s your responsibility to invest in developing your practice and perfecting your process so you become the best at what you do. For the whole body to be healthy and growing and full of love, you need to...

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Spirit Talk

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I Strive to Become Known for the Work I do for the Lord

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for people.”
The Apostle Paul | Colossians 3:23 (NLT)

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