



TURN YOUR PASSION INTO A PAYCHECK



7 STEPS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN ENTREPRENEUR

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SUMMARY

Desiring a fulfilling career is a part of human nature. God designed each of us with unique gifts, passions, and abilities, and utilizing those gifts can lead to a sense of fulfillment and purpose in life.

“ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

(1 Peter 4:10)

Within this guide, you will unlock the 7 steps you need to discover your purpose and turn it into a fulfilling career, so your gifts can glorify God and serve others in your daily life.

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STEP 1

EVALUATE YOUR MINDSET



Mindset plays a pivotal role in our lives. It dictates the way we think of the world, our relationships, professions, and ultimately our life outcomes. Evaluating your mindset involves introspection and self-reflection to gain insight into your thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes.

What is your first reaction when it comes to topics like:





You may have heard of Stanford researcher and professor Carol Dweck's concept of "growth" and "fixed" mindsets. A growth mindset describes the way we view challenges. If someone has a growth mindset, they recognize that their skill sets and abilities are capable of improvement and are always evolving. Individuals with a "growth mindset" see failures as opportunities for development and improvement; making them more likely to take leaps of faith and make bold moves in their relationships, careers, and other areas of their lives.

Those with a "fixed mindset" have the expectation that their talents and skills are innate, and

therefore, unchangeable. For example, if someone gives a work presentation and makes a mistake while speaking, they may make the determination that public speaking isn't a skill set of theirs and turn down future opportunities to speak because they "just don't have that skill".

Take some time today and evaluate your current mindset.

Please read each statement carefully and then indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree, and then give yourself the corresponding point value.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	My Score
You have a certain amount of intelligence, and you can't really do much to change it	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Your intelligence is something about you that you can't change very much	0	1	2	3	4	5	
No matter who you are, you can significantly change your intelligence level	5	4	3	2	1	0	
To be honest, you can't really change how intelligent you are	0	1	2	3	4	5	
You can always substantially change how intelligent you are	5	4	3	2	1	0	
You can learn new things, but you can't really change your basic intelligence	0	1	2	3	4	5	
No matter how much intelligence you have, you can always change it quite a bit	5	4	3	2	1	0	
You can change even your basic intelligence level considerably	5	4	3	2	1	0	
You have a certain amount of talent, and you can't really do much to change it	0	1	2	3	4	5	
Your talent in an area is something about you that you can't change very much	0	1	2	3	4	5	
No matter who you are, you can significantly change your level of talent	5	4	3	2	1	0	
To be honest, you can't really change how much talent you have	0	1	2	3	4	5	
You can always substantially change how much talent you have	5	4	3	2	1	0	
You can learn new things, but you can't really change your basic level of talent	0	1	2	3	4	5	
No matter how much talent you have, you can always change it quite a bit	5	4	3	2	1	0	
You can change even your basic level of talent considerably	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Total Score							



SCORING

Categorization

Points Value

Strong Growth Mindset

61-80 points

**Growth Mindset
with some Fixed Ideas**

41-60 points

**Fixed Mindset with some
Growth Ideas**

21-40 points

Strong Fixed Mindset

0-20 points

STEP 2

IDENTIFY YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS



We are all born with natural abilities – though they look different for everyone and may be challenging to put into words.

One simple way to determine your God-given gifts and talents is to think back to your childhood. Was there anything specific that came with ease? This could be something physical, like being good at sports, or it could be something emotional, like being empathetic and caring for others.

When thinking about your natural abilities, it can be beneficial to put yourself in someone else's shoes. What would close family members or friends say your greatest strengths are?

Lastly, think about your relationship with coworkers, friends, and family. What do people come to you for? This could be something work-related, like editing an email, or something personal, like relationship advice.

Take some time to pray and reflect on your God-given gifts. Write everything down, whether it's one strength or more!



STEP 3

DETERMINE YOUR PASSION



Now that you have identified the talents and gifts God has blessed you with, it's time to determine what your passion is.

Definition of Passion:

**AN INTENSE DESIRE
OR ENTHUSIASM
FOR SOMETHING**

Passion is linked to emotion. How we feel about certain activities, concepts, and objects. For example, oftentimes people will say that they are passionate about their faith or passionate about their family.

This concept can be extended to activities and hobbies as well.

What are you passionate about?

STEP 4

DETERMINE YOUR PURPOSE

Proverbs 19:21



Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.



As Christians we must remember that we are called to serve Him in all that we do; in our home life, our activities, and our careers. Purpose goes BEYOND personal fulfillment.

God gave each of us gifts to serve others and make a difference in the world. Using our God-given gifts in this way creates PURPOSE and leads to a deeply fulfilling life.

Let's look at an example:



Sarah's passion has always been for art. She is a gifted painter and is passionate about working with children. There are multiple avenues Sarah could take, like being a private art teacher, or starting her own art therapy practice.

What is your purpose on this earth? Is it to fund missions that glorify God? What about using your gift for speaking to minister to the youth of today?

STEP 5

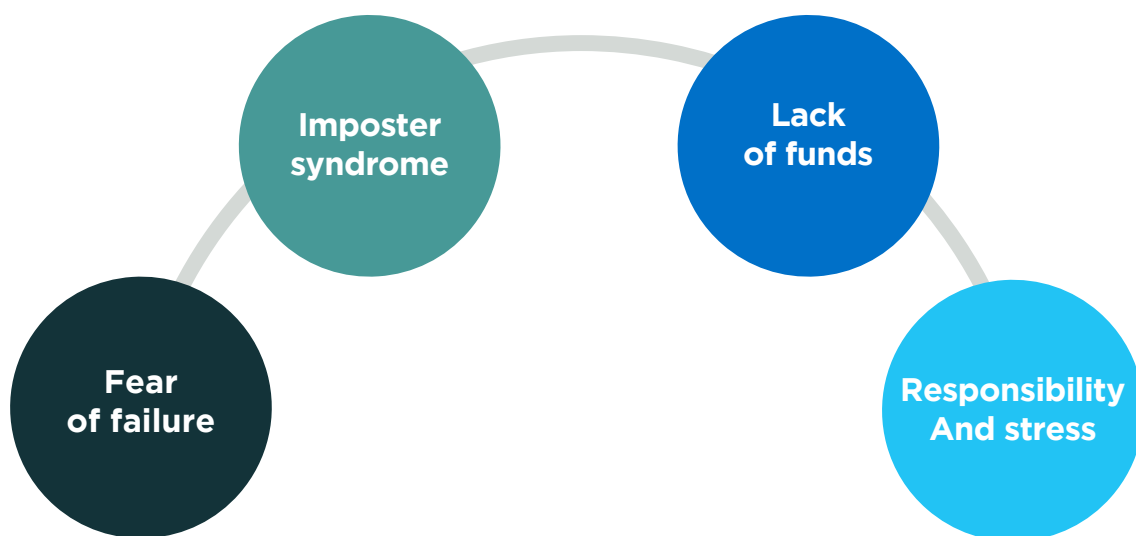
TAKE ACTION

Hopefully, all that introspection was a success! Now, it is time to take action. First, you will need to determine what avenue you plan to take for entrepreneurship.

Are you going to launch a full scale small business? Acquire funding from investors to launch your first start up? Develop a side hustle while you maintain your current job?

Taking action can feel like a daunting task. What if you aren't ready or don't have the perfect product? 92% of aspiring entrepreneurs never follow through.

Top reasons for not launching a business include:



In order to ensure you are ready to capitalize on your God-given purpose ensure that you have determined your why and have prayed diligently over your idea. Ask God to open the doors that he wants opened in this season of your life and close the doors that need to be closed in order to protect you.



STEP 6

CONNECT AND SHARE WITH OTHERS

Billy Graham once said

“ I believe one of the next great moves of God will happen through the believers in the workplace.”

Our sphere of influence is predominantly in the marketplace. American's spend on average 8.5 hours a day at work while spending an average of 6 hours a week with their families. Recognizing that God has called us to glorify him in all that we do, turning your passion into a paycheck enables you to:



1. ■ Connect with other like-minded individuals who can support you and hold you accountable

2. ■ Share your passion and purpose through Christ with others

3. ■ Increase your dedicated family time

Now is a pivotal time for you to begin your outreach, join community groups, and develop relationships.

You can do this through social media platforms, meetups, or local business events in your area.

Sharing your passion with others leaves you in a vulnerable position where rejection, judgement, and failure all become possible. Remember step one! After all, you have a plan and are moving forward with faith!

STEP 7

BE BOLD IN YOUR FAITH



As a Christian Entrepreneur, you have a world view that needs to be shared. Don't hesitate to incorporate biblical wisdom into your business. In fact, doing so will draw people towards you who need you the most, and will set you apart in the marketplace.

God has a plan for your life and his timing is always perfect. What if God has called you on a mission and the reason you won't embrace his calling is because of fear? There is a season for everything.



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will
make your paths straight."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

The passion you currently have may be your true calling OR it is a season that is building and preparing you for your mission. Remember:



He cares about how you handle money

(Psalm 37:21).



He cares about how you lead

(James 3:1, Proverbs 27:23-24).



He cares about how you treat people

(Matthew 7:12, Phil 2:3)



He cares about how you grow

(1 Timothy 4:8).



He cares about multiplying what you have

(Matthew 25:14-30).

Go boldly in your faith, and remember in all your endeavors what Jesus said:



**Humanly speaking, it is impossible.
But with God everything is possible.”**

(Matthew 19:26).

Remember, God has called you on mission. Don't let fear or insecurity distract you from your God-given purpose. Pray diligently, seek the Lord in all things, and surrender your desires to Him. In this season, what is your next step in turning your passion into a paycheck?



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