

# ***Rat Race***

Life's Important Questions

May 10, 2026

**Margin** – the space between my ***LOAD*** and my ***LIMITS***!

**Purpose of margin:** to not live a life of ***selfishness***, but to live a life of ***significance***.

## **Ephesians 1:17-20 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the ***Spirit of wisdom and revelation***, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be ***enlightened*** in order that you may ***know the hope*** to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably ***great power*** for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

## **Four Important Questions for my Life:**

1. What will be the ***CENTER*** of my life?

## **Psalm 62:10b (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.

## **Luke 12:15, 21 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup> Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." <sup>21</sup> "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

***Am I going to live my life self-centered or Jesus Centered?***

## **Four Important Questions for my Life:**

2. What will be the ***CHARACTER*** of my life?

## **Psalm 19:14 (NLT)**

<sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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## **The Holy Spirit grows our character through...**

- **Conviction** of the Holy Spirit.
- **Revelation** of God's Word.
- **Discipling** others and being disciplined.

*“Each of us is a **lifetime** – until Christ returns – **project** of molding and shaping to reflect Jesus and His heart.”*

## **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**

<sup>22</sup>But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

## **John 15:1-4 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. <sup>3</sup> You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

## **James 1:2-4 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.