

Session 10

Life Stage Identification

Five Benefits of Understanding and Using Life Stages

1.	A life stage perspective _ to God's leadership at any	INCREASES y given time.	SENSITIVITY		
	Ask yourself: "What is God saying to me at this time based on my current life stage?"				
2.	A life stage perspective _		MOVEMENT		
	toward God's next chapter by minimizing delays.				
	Ask yourself: What is keeping me from advancing to the next stage?"				
3.	A life stage perspective facilitatesBETTERDECISION-MAKING				
	for personal development	and vocational calling.			
	Ask yourself: Do I need need a new vehicle?"	a better fit in my existing vocational	vehicle (right seat on the bus) or do l		
4.	A life stage perspective _	CREATES	STABILITY		
	during times of transition, trials, confusion and complexity in life.				
	Ask yourself: "How can I experience more peace and rest by trusting God in my life right now?"				
5.	A life stage perspective h	ighlights PRACTICES	AND BARRIERS		

to finishing well throughout all stages of a lifetime. Ask yourself: "What decisions today will help prepare me for for increased contribution at the

5 Life Stages

end of life?"

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Age	Life Stage	Description	
0-20	LEARNING	I am still actively seeking a sense of my life's vocational trajectory.	
20s			
30s	EDITING	I am adding and deleting responsibilities in my life as a result of a growing understanding of my vocation.	
40s	MASTERING	I know my life's vocation and I am getting better at it.	
50s	HARVESTING	I am reaping the benefits of a certain degree of mastery in my vocation.	
60s	GUIDING	I am helping others in a similar vocational journey.	
70+			

Current Life Stage

Is there something keeping me from successfully moving to the next life stage?