



## Introduction

What do you want? We'll never get what we really want until we discover what is most valuable. And what we naturally want is often in conflict with what we ultimately value. So, in order to figure out what you really want, you have to figure out what you value.

## Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever done something like the eulogy experience referenced from the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People? Did you take the time to write down what you wanted said? What comes to mind when you think of this exercise?
2. When you think of what you want said at your funeral, what themes surface? In that book, Stephen Covey wrote, "If you carefully considered what you wanted to be said of you in the funeral experience, you will find your definition of success." Based on this observation, what is success for you?
3. Read Ephesians 2:10 What does it mean that you are God's handiwork? How does that help when you think about the character that you want to have?
4. Read Galatians 5:21 Are any of these things a part of the character traits you want mentioned at your funeral? In the sermon Jeremy said these are the things you would have if God over-rode your free will; these are his will, his operating system plans for your life. What do you think about that?
5. Why do we sometimes think that God's will is opposed to our will for ourselves? In what ways do our own wants take us away from what we ultimately want? Why does God let us do that?
6. Which of the fruits of the Spirit do you worry might interfere with your personal or professional goals? Is there an actual conflict?
7. Respond to this statement – "What you really want and what God really wants for you may be closer than you imagine." Do you agree? If this is true, what are the implications?

**Shaping Your Mind** *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. Galatians 5:25-26*

**Moving Forward** – Is there a conflict with what you actually value and what you are currently pursuing-a conflict between your values and your behavior?