What Matters Most?

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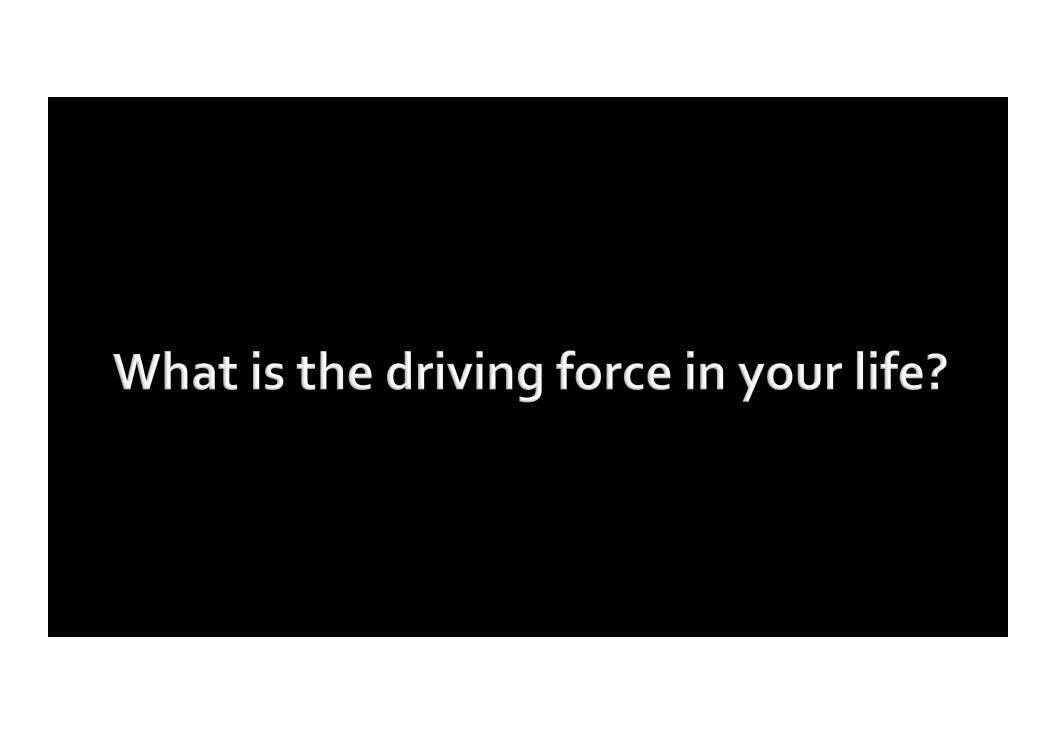


A driven person...

- ...is most often gratified only by accomplishment.
- ...is preoccupied with the symbols of accomplishment.
- ...is usually caught in the uncontrolled pursuit of expansion.
- ...tends to have a limited regard for integrity.

A driven person...

- ...often possesses limited or undeveloped people skills.
- ...tends to be highly competitive
- ...often possesses a volcanic force of anger.
- ...usually abnormally busy.



- 1. Driven by guilt and shame.
 - Guilt-driven people are often manipulated by the past.
 - Their past controls their future.
 - We do have to be prisoners of the past!

God's specialty is giving a man a fresh start!

"What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joys when sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record."

Psalm 32:1-2 TLB

What guilt still grips you?

- 2. Driven by resentment and anger
 - Bitterness and resentment will not make you better!

"To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do."

Job 5:2 Today's English Version

What resentment are you hanging on to?

3. Driven by fear

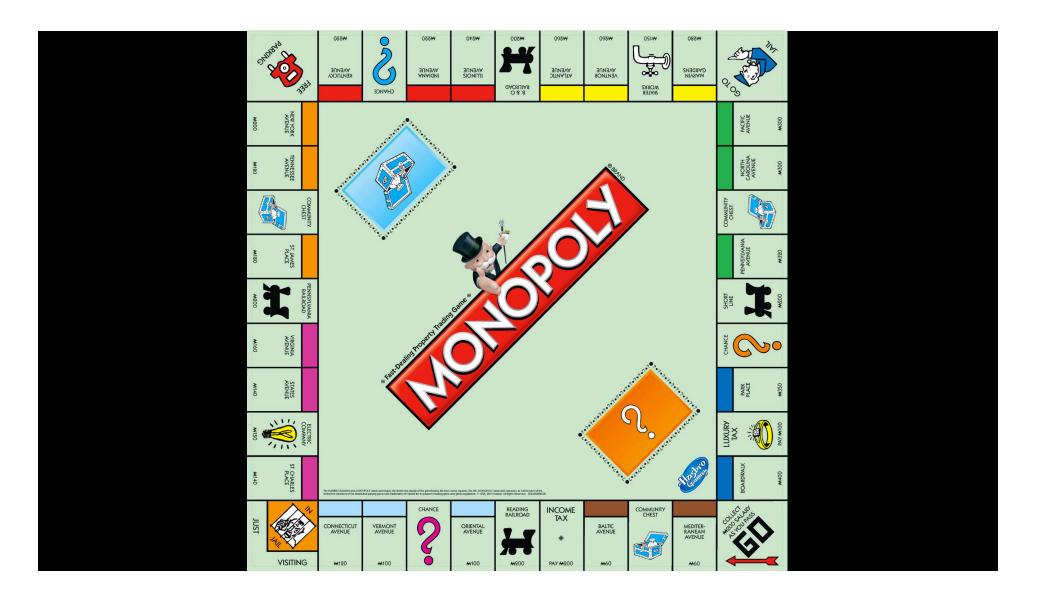
"Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life - fear of death, fear of judgment

- is one not yet fully formed in love."

1 John 4: 18 MSG



- 4. Driven by materialism
 - Self-worth and net-worth are not the same!
 - Value is not determined by your valuables!
 - Stuff does not bring lasting security!



When the game is over it all goes back in the box!

5. Driven by need for approval

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Matthew 6:24 NLT

6. Driven by busyness

What matters most?

1. Priorities give PURPOSE

- When life has meaning you can deal with almost anything.
- Isaiah 49:4 NIV
- Job 7:6 TLB
- Job 7:16 TEV
- Jeremiah 29:11 NIV
- Ephesians 3:20 TLB

- 2. Priorities give BALANCE
 - Proverbs 13:7 MSG
 - Isaiah 26:3 TEV

- 3. Priorities give FOCUS
 - You become effective because you are being selective!
 - Restlessness sets in when there is no focus!
 - Don't confuse activity with productivity!
 - Philippians 3:13 NLT

- 4. Priorities produce PASSION
- 5. Priorities prepare you for Heaven
 - Romans 14:10b NLT

2 Questions God Will Ask Us:

1. What did you do with my Son, Jesus Christ?

2. What did you do with what I gave you?