

God Intersections: A Tool for Finding Your Life Purposes *and* Path

THE PATH OF TRUST

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You will find this website useful IF you are currently:

1. At a loss as to what direction to go in your life and/or business
2. In need of a life/career change but don't know how to proceed
3. Unable to find a job INSPITE of months of YOUR best efforts
4. Seriously seeking God's will for your life
5. At a dead end in life with no idea of what to do
6. Seeking to trust God at a whole new level
7. Feeling like your life is simply NOT working.

What is a God Intersection?

A God Intersection is any person, place or event entering our life that God generates to show us a path forward for our life and business. It is one of the ways God shows us His will for our lives.

The Truth:

Trusting in God to create a path forward for our lives is far more productive and rewarding than trying to manage our lives ourselves.

The Concept:

We all have to change the direction of our lives and businesses. Traditional approaches include:

1. Trying to achieve a balanced life
2. Short or long term planning
3. Assertively managing to an outcome
4. Positive Thinking
5. Chance (taking whatever comes along)
6. Talking to advisors and close friends
7. Open mindedness/sampling in our life.

Once we settle on a particular direction we often stay with that life/career decision for many years changing only when forced to by an outside influence (layoff, sickness, loss etc.) When change forces a reexamination of our path how do we know what direction to head? We normally attempt to find something as close to our previous path as possible in as fast a timeframe as possible. This decision is often made without regard to our happiness, personal fulfillment or God's desired outcome.

I would like to suggest a different path. A PATH OF TRUST. Trust in a God that will create a path far more fulfilling and productive than anything we can produce. The steps are straightforward.

God Intersection Steps:

1. Determine a change in direction is needed for your life.
2. Identify the God Intersections already present.
3. Honor the God Intersections by serving each of them to the best of your ability and circumstance.
4. Identify the potential opportunities presented by serving the God Intersections.
5. Pursue each opportunity created by a God Intersection at least one step.
6. As you do this, determine which of the opportunities align with your passions and goals.
7. Invest work in these opportunities.
8. Look for new God Intersections that are created by your work.
9. Go to step 2.

Not every person, place or event in our lives is a God Intersection. The magic is in determining which ones are God Intersections and which are not. My experience is that as I practice the eight steps above and honor the resulting Intersections I become more and more proficient at identifying the ones that are God's path forward.

We can determine a change is needed in our lives any time we want. With that choice God Intersections allows us to make choices resulting in new relationships and possibilities. As relationships drive everything we do these new relationships create new opportunity.

Honoring the God Intersection means sowing time into the them with the intent to serve. It means giving more than you receive while expecting a return on your time investment.

Investing work in an opportunity created by a God Intersection is "our job". I also call this serving the Intersection. Using the concept of the God Intersection does not mean we don't work, we must do "our job". God does His part in creating the God Intersection. We do our part by investing our time into the God Intersection and our labor into the resulting opportunities.

My Story (we all have a story):

I was laid off from an executive position in corporate American after 28 years (11 of them with my last employer) in early 2008. On the plane home from the announcement I was asking myself question #1 above (what direction do I take now). The next morning I received a blast email from an alum of my college fraternity (we'll call him Steve) whom I didn't know inviting me to a public speaking class he was holding. I deleted the email. Something told me to undelete the email and respond. By doing so I created a God Intersection. After meeting Steve, he invited me to a facilitator training being held by a local company. I met with the company and attended the training (creating another God Intersection

this time with Bill). I talked to Bill about a sales job they had open and started the application process. Bill (the COO) interviewed me for the job and indicated I had a good chance of securing the position.

After the facilitator training I contacted Bill about the sales position and was told he was no longer with the company. I was disappointed. During this time (several months) I was diligently thinking about what I wanted to do in this next phase of my career while praying and asking God about direction. I determined that **my passion** was working with business leaders in small group environments with a goal to improve people's trust in God while improving their businesses. Over the previous ten years I had worked extensively with business leaders. Simultaneously I had run many small groups through my church, sports teams and local college. Finally God had been teaching me to Trust Him for the past several years. Essentially I possessed the pieces my passion required but had never unified them. *And I had no idea how to start.*

So I started looking for God Intersections. In early May of 2008, Bill called to invite me to join him at Leadership Productivity Forum as he built an organization that works with business leaders to improve their lives and businesses. Bill was using a small group model to do this. The alignment with my passion was astounding. I took him up on the offer which created additional God Intersections. From these Intersections I started my own Forum's in the east valley of Phoenix in November 2008.

As I work with the Forums I continued to look for God Intersections. I find them or create them via sales calls, God activities, social activities, networking type events, volunteering, previous business associates, friends, friends of business associates or simply by chance. **My purpose** is to help others expand their ability to Trust God in their lives and businesses. I do this by honoring my God Intersections while determining which ones to invest in as a means of accomplishing my purpose.

Conclusion

Creating and following God Intersections WILL lead you to trusting God's plan for your life. Trusting God requires releasing responsibility for the outcomes of our lives to God. Releasing responsibility for the outcomes of our lives requires knowing that God will not drop the ball. Knowing this requires knowledge of how much God loves us. Momentum in our life is also helpful in Trusting God.

Momentum is the natural inertia in our lives that occurs as we accomplish activities. I have noticed that severe life change (ie. extreme periods of unemployment, prolonged illness, tragic events etc.) seems to destroy Momentum. With Momentum destroyed the individual feels like they are completely alone, dead in the water waiting for something to change and all of their best efforts are yielding no significant improvement. Without some kind of support group we can become "stuck". Trusting God is difficult when we are "stuck". A great way to the Path of Trust and becoming "unstuck" is to:

1. Get you head up and look beyond your current circumstances
2. Inventory your current God Intersections (write them down)
3. Contact ALL of your God Intersections and discover how you can SERVE them

4. If you can't identify existing God Intersections get involved in any activity/group revolving around something you are passionate about. Volunteer. Serve in that group
5. Observe what new God Intersections and information are gleaned
6. Use these new insights to start a new path
7. Watch how God uses the new path to meet your dreams, passions and needs.

Post Script

God Intersections is a concept developed by Mark Miller and explored via Leadership Productivity Forums . Leadership Productivity Forums are facilitated monthly advisory meetings of business leaders with a goal of:

1. Improving our business results
2. Honing our business strategy
3. Building authentic relationships
4. Encouraging one another.

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