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Vocation and ministry questions

1. What could you give a 40-minute presentation on with absolutely no preparation?
2. If you could be truly excellent at only one thing, what would it be? How will you know when you have succeeded? What does “done” look like?
3. What’s one thing you can do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?³
4. If God were to do a miracle in your life, what would you ask Him for?⁴
5. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?⁵
6. What do you see as the greatest challenge in your life?
7. What is the most significant thing happening in your life right now?
8. What needs in the world do you tend to notice first? What particular burden has God given you?
9. What’s one desire you long for God to fulfill this year?⁶
10. What is one request you hope God DOESN’T ask of you?
11. You have six months and unlimited resources to train to do something big. What would you do?
12. What do you want written on your grave?

³ Whitney, Donald. “10 Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year.” Crossway. December 30, 2016. <https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-questions-to-ask-at-the-start-of-a-new-year/>.

⁴ Freeman, Kirk, conversation with the author.

⁵ Whitney, Donald. “10 Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year.” Crossway. December 30, 2016. <https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-questions-to-ask-at-the-start-of-a-new-year/>. Accessed May 3, 2023.

⁶ Questions 9–14: Gillson, Rowan.

13. What character trait do you wish you possessed?
14. What is one character trait you are particularly proud of?
15. Who is one of your heroes? Why?
16. How have you seen God work in your life this past year?
17. If you owned a business, what would it look like?
18. What does your ideal lifestyle look like?
19. If every job paid one dollar, what would you do?⁷
20. When do you feel like your actions are the most sincere?
21. Do you think it's better to meet / worship with / work with people in person or online? Why?
22. How would you answer: "At the end of my life, I would like to look back and be able to say, 'This is what God accomplished through me!'"?⁸
23. What is the most critical need you see in the lives of those around you? What wrong do you desire to make right?
24. Do you know what your spiritual gift is? If so, what is it?⁹
25. Hey! I love to pray for people. How may I pray for you?

⁷ Question 19: Dewey Novotny, conversation with the author, May 1, 2023.

⁸ Questions 22–23: Adapted from Life Purpose Planning by Dewey Novotny, Mandy Pallock, Gina Robertson. "Life Purpose Planning Online Course." Life Purpose Planning. Accessed April 24, 2023.

⁹ There are many spiritual gifts tools online. Here's one: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service>.

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