



Cutting New Paths and Building a Better You

December 31, 2018

- “...But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.” (1 Corinthians 12:31, NLT)
- 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. (1 Corinthians 12:31, NKJV)
- 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10, NKJV)

Big Question for the Year: What can I do to cut new paths and make my life better?

I. Four Ways to Build a Better Path for Your Life

1. **Build a better you** by, establishing good habits, your relationship with God, your response to challenges, and a mature ability to say no.
2. **Build a better vision** for your life. How far do you see down the road? Do you know where you are going?
3. **Build a better financial foundation.** You will need people, prosperity and a mature financial perspective
4. **Build better leaders** who can manage the future. It will be tragic to leave your family or organization in the hands of under developed people

Question: Is it right to always want to do better? (“I come to give you life more abundantly, “John 10:10)
Better defined by Oxford: “A more excellent, or effective approach” to (fill in the blank)

II. Five Questions That Can Help You Build a Better Life For Yourself

1. Is your life better than it was this time last year?
2. In what ways has your life improved in the past 10 years?
3. What are the current circumstances that stop your life from being better?
4. What will happen to you in 10 years if you stay on the same course?
5. Who in your life models the kind of life you want to live?

Next Month: We will look at four things that can stop your life from being better

1. Being **Faithless** (What do you really believe? We already talked about this in December.)
2. Being **Fragile** (Are you easily broken and offended?)
3. Being **Fearful** (Are you easily intimidated?)
4. Being **Flaky** (an unreliable person, a procrastinator with bad habits)
Question: What are your good and bad habits?

Next Time: We will explore a sermon called, “Fragile”

Big Question: Why are you so easily broken?