

# Secret Summaries

- How you answer this question will determine the trajectory of your entire life:

Is true fulfillment about *creating* the life I think I want or *discovering* the life I was created for?

- Discovery of what I was created for emerges from a secret place where I slow down and spend some personal and private time with my Heavenly Father.
- Although our Heavenly Father ultimately wants us to grow and be responsible, He knows we were never created to be independent of Him. He never taught us to say, "No Daddy! I'll do it myself."
- Worship is our gateway into God's presence. It is as if it unlocks a secret door between my room and His room.
- Instead of declaring to the universe what I want for my life, I surrender to the God who created me. I surrender my will to His.
- Before God begins to reveal His plan to me, He expects me to surrender to Him and his plan first.
- Sometimes the things we want are not the things we need the most. Asking, seeking, and knocking can bring clarity to this.
- See yourself behind Door #2, in your secret place. Start by becoming intimately acquainted with who God is and what His kingdom is really like.

- Allow God to show you the *one* area that you need to give a disproportionate amount of time and attention to. We might say, “*Manage* other areas, but *master* this one.” Ask, seek, knock; ask, seek, and knock until a door of blessing, victory, or clarity opens.
- Listening to the still small voice of God is one of the most important spiritual habits I can develop. It is listening not with my physical ear, but my spiritual ear. God has given me a spiritual ear if I take time to learn how to use it.
- Instead of my focus being about “getting what I think I want,” my focus is getting clarity on (and making advances in) the one next thing I believe God wants me to do, become, or receive.
- There are spiritual, relational, financial, physical, emotional, and vocational breakthroughs God wants me to experience.
- I can discover what He wants me to receive, become, and do -- one door at a time. Most importantly, I can discover a growing and authentic relationship with my Heavenly Father.

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages.

Amen (Ephesians 3:16-21 NLT).