

Intentionality is the quality of mental states (thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes) that consists in their being directed toward some state of affairs; the fact of being deliberate or purposive.

People who are intentional:

• ...make time for what is important.

"Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulteress wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord." Hosea 1:1-3 (NIV)

"The Lord said to me, 'Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods...so I bought her back..." Hosea 3:1-3 (NIV)

Be clear on what you believe.

Love <u>God</u> above all else

"Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence...This is most important, the first on any list...". Matthew 22:37(MSG).

My love for God must be at the <u>center</u> of my walk in faith.

Love <u>others</u> as <u>yourself</u>.

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way that I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples - when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:35 (MSG)

People who are intentional:

• ...live outside their comfort zone.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah..."Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the LORD.... Jonah 1:1-3 (NIV)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Jonah 3:1-3 (NIV)

..When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. Jonah 3:10 (NIV)

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing, and perfect will." Romans 12:2 (NIV)

People who are intentional:

• ...will seek God's daily <u>direction</u> for their life.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes in you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)

...therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16 (NIV)

People who are intentional:

• ...take their God-given assignments seriously.

"...our work as Christ-followers is to be equipped for works of service so that the body of Christ might be built up until we all reach unity in faith and on the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature..." Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

"...I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24. (NIV)

- · What do you believe God desires you to be intentional about?
- · List two specific ways identifying how you are being intentional in your faith

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Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- Give some examples of how "champions" are intentional?
- Why is it important to live intentionally?
- Do you feel that you live intentionally? Explain how you live intentionally?
- "Making time for what is important" is about us demonstrating God's love to those around us. How can we be intentional with this task every day?
- . How has God called you to live outside your comfort zone and impact your world?
- How do you seek God's daily direction for your life?
- Do you have Christ following friends with whom you are able to confess your sin to? How does this allow us to live intentionally as a Christ follower?
- Do you take your God given assignments seriously? What are these assignments?
- What do you believe God desires you to be intentional about?
- What are two specific ways you can be intentional in your faith?

Connection Group Leaders: Remind your group of the following announcements: Business Meeting (Next Sunday) - Feb. 26th Quest "After Hours" - March 5th