

Eight Paths Exercise

Eight paths to second half significance

There is no single route to second half significance. Instead, there are multiple pathways that could be a part of your overall journey. Here are eight ways to pursue significance in the second half of your life. Use the scales to evaluate the extent of your interest in pursuing the following options, with “1” representing no interest, and “5” representing high interest.

- 1 2 3 4 5 **Expert**
You bring your area of expertise to one or multiple organizations without a formal partnership or board role.
- 1 2 3 4 5 **Donor**
You contribute financial resources to a cause you deem significant.
- 1 2 3 4 5 **Business as Ministry**
You use your business enterprise to accomplish kingdom work even as it pursues its core business. (You may also designate profits toward one of the other alternatives.)
- 1 2 3 4 5 **Board Member**
You provide leadership and expertise to a nonprofit organization that has a mission you deem significant.
- 1 2 3 4 5 **Partner**
You team up with someone involved full-time in a cause you deem significant, acting as a “silent partner” to resource that individual in whatever ways are needed to accomplish meaningful results.
- 1 2 3 4 5 **Parallel Career**
You take on executive responsibility for a cause you deem significant, even as you continue to carry out your career commitments.
- 1 2 3 4 5 **Organizational Leaders**
You make a fundamental career change by becoming the executive or key player of an established organization that has a mission you deem significant.
- 1 2 3 4 5 **Social Entrepreneur**
You use your entrepreneurial expertise and experience to start and build a nonprofit initiative designed to meet a societal need in an innovative way.