

Tani Talks Life (TTL)-The Shiur Where We Talk A Topic Per Session With Some Practical Lessons

Tonight's Topic: "What Direction Are You Heading?"

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Are you happy with the direction your life is taking? Are you happy with the direction your life has taken until now? Are you satisfied with you current life, your job, your occupation, your hobbies? Are you happy with your accomplishments?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, it might be a good time to reevaluate what the purpose, the real purpose of our life is, and what we are supposed to be doing here, and what the trajectory of our existence has been until now and where it is going.

There is much to do in this world, and even if you think you did alot in your life, I beleive we always have more to do, more to accomplish, more to fulfill.

However, some people feel empty and lost at different points in their lives, especially in mid life, especially when kids are out of the house.

May people in life have what is called a mid-life crisis. What is it? Is it real?

Wikipedia explains,

A **midlife crisis** is a transition of identity and self-confidence that can occur in [middle-aged](#) individuals, typically 45 to 65 years old.^{[1][2][3]} The phenomenon is described as a psychological crisis brought about by events that highlight a person's growing age, inevitable mortality, and possibly lack of accomplishments in life. This may produce feelings of intense depression, remorse, and high levels of anxiety, or the desire to achieve youthfulness or make drastic changes to their current lifestyle or feel the wish to change past decisions and events. Studies on midlife crises show that they are less common than popularly believed, according to Vaillant (2012) in his 75 year longitudinal study on adult development, he found midlife crises were rare experiences for people involved in the study.

The term was coined by [Elliott Jaques](#) in 1965.

The common examples are a man buying a hugely impractical sportscar or motorcycle in mid life or purchasing a property and moving far away "to find himsef," among many other examples.

There is also the idea of an "existential crisis" as explained by wikipedia, which is not as age-specific:

Existential crisis, also known as **existential dread**, are moments when individuals question whether their lives have [meaning](#), purpose, or value, and are negatively impacted by the contemplation.^[1] It may be commonly, but not necessarily, tied to depression or inevitably negative speculations on purpose in life such as the futility of all effort (e.g., "if one day I will be forgotten, what is the point of all of my work?"). This issue of the meaning and purpose of human [existence](#) is a major focus of the [philosophical](#) tradition of [existentialism](#). An existential crisis may often be provoked by a significant event in the person's life— I.e. a life-threatening experience, reaching a personally significant age (turning 18, turning 40, etc.), or many other factors.

Usually, it provokes the sufferer's [introspection](#) about personal mortality, thus revealing the [psychological repression](#) of said awareness. Existential crisis can be similar to anxiety and depression.^[2]

In existentialist philosophy, the term 'existential crisis' specifically relates to the crisis of the individual when they realize that they must always define their own lives through the choices they make. The existential crisis occurs when one recognizes that even the decision to either refrain from action or withhold assent to a particular choice is, in itself, a choice.

You don't have to be 45 or 55 or 65 to wonder about the choices and direction your life has taken or has not taken. Don't wait for a god forbid stressor or negative thing in life to make you think about direction and choices in life.

Every year we reflect on the past as we just had rosh hashana and yom kippur to think about our past choices and mistakes, or good decisions, in the past year. So the question then becomes, What direction is your life taking? What direction are you heading? What are you doing with your life? Are you using your talents wisely? Are you in the right field? The right profession?

A major phrase that has stuck to me for years is that which we learn from Makkot 10 in the gemara is as follows:

אמר רבה בר רב הונא אמר רב הונא א"ר אלעזר מן התורה ומן הנביאים ומן הכתובים בדרך אפּרופּוּס the path upon which God leads people, the Gemara cites a statement that [Rabba bar Rav Huna](#) says that [Rav Huna](#) says, and some say it was a statement that [Rav Huna](#) says that [Rabbi Elazar](#) says: **From the Torah, from the Prophets, and from the Writings one learns that along the path a person wishes to proceed, one leads and assists him.** (One learns this **from the Torah, as it is written** that initially God said to Balaam with regard to the contingent dispatched by Balak: **"You shall not go with them"** ([Numbers 22:12](#)). After Balaam implored Him and indicated his desire to go with them, **it is written:** **"Arise, go with them"** ([Numbers 22:20](#)). One learns this **from the Prophets, as it is written:** **"I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you for your profit, Who leads you on the path that you go"** ([Isaiah 48:17](#)), indicating that along the path that one seeks to go, God will direct him. One learns this **from the Writings, as it is written:** **"If one seeks the cynics, He will cause him to join the cynics, but to the humble He will give grace"** ([Proverbs 3:34](#)), indicating that if one

chooses cynicism God will direct him there and if he opts for humility God will grant him grace.)

Hashem will lead you along the right path if you put in the effort and follow the talents and abilities you have. HE will lead you where you want if its a proper job but if you are wasting your talents he won't stop you. For example, if you have a passion for working with trains, but your family told you its impractical and so instead you went to accounting school and studies accounting and became an accountant, Hashem will lead you along the way and get you through school and find you a job providing you put in your hishtadlut. But, is that the right direction for you? Is it fulfilling your love and passion for trains? I don't think so. You may have missed the boat, and at a certain point you may have a small existential crisis—i.e. coworker friend has a panic attack over the numbers one day, and makes you really evaluate what you are doing, making you think why why you working with numbers and why you are in this field when you really love trains. OR you may not have an existential crisis, and just have a small nagging feeling that this job or profession isn't right...or you may just miss the boat and stay at the dead end job forever. It's up to you.

I had always thought growing up that I would work in real estate. I had actually drawn houses and pictures when I was a kid, and found it fascinating. It wasn't until I worked in Camp Hasc for three summers that I felt a different direction, a different calling in life. One day, I was bringing my camper in a wheelchair to receive his occupational therapy services in the therapy building. I had brought him in his wheelchair and helped him out onto the mat for the OT to work with him. I remember the therapist laying him on his stomach (prone) and have him toss items into a bucket. I thought to myself, "Wow, imagine a profession when you can have fun and play with the kids and still work on skills that they need! This is it, this is what I want to do!" And just like that, my direction changed. I studied Psychology in YU, Went to LIU Brooklyn for OT grad school and became an OT, working with kids in the public school system on their skills including cutting, writing, pasting, and much more, and I love what I do—I felt this was my direction, my right direction.

On the side, I felt a calling, a direction, to do something with my voice, in a radio and audio style way. When I was in college, in YU, one of my favorite things to do was to be on the radio. I hosted a social platform show for an hour, with a phone call in line, the computer on gmail/gchat, the microphone and headphones—the works! and looked forward every week to that hour when I could be live on the radio waves on the microphone. I loved it. It stayed with me over the years, as a burning desire and passion to be on the radio. However, the question was how to do so, and what to do that could be more purposeful than a social show. So, I wanted to do something meaningful and not just talk about social life things, so I sat down and Hashem inspired me to look into podcasts and start them. That was the beginning of the OT and pirkei avot show, and later on came the daf show and parsha show, and much more recently came the life lecture show (created during the height of the pandemic). I feel very fulfilled in the side hobbies of the Podcast, but my inclination, my dream, desire, full audio passion is to do more—to really be live on actual radio on a station on live time you can hear in the car or on the radio. I also want to be

onstage for a TED talk. That is a direction I want to take, and little by little I hope to get there. I also use acoustic guitar as a side hobby and outlet to write and sing songs and play music over the years, and recorded two episodes of that as well.

Sometimes though, a direction can be taken and fail, like when I tried to get a kid Jewish book idea off the ground, and paid an illustrator to make a sample booklet, and no one wanted to pick it up, even trying 12 Jewish publishers.

We all need to think of the direction we want to go. What direction do you want your life to take? Where do you want your life's trajectory to go?

Rabbi Saks ZT"l points out on aish.com,

Smartphones can do amazing things – few more amazing than Waze, the Israeli-designed satellite navigation system acquired by Google in 2013. But there is one thing even Waze cannot do. It can tell you how to get there, but it cannot tell you where to go. That is something you must decide.

The most important decision we can make in life is to choose where we want eventually to be. Without a sense of destiny and destination, our lives will be directionless. If we don't know where we want to go, we will never get there no matter how fast we travel. Yet despite this, there are people who spend months planning a holiday/vacation, but not even a day planning a life. They simply let it happen.

So it is in the life of nations and individuals. If you see what happens to you as mere chance, your fate will be governed by mere chance. That is what the sages meant when they said, "Wherever [the Torah] says, 'And it came to pass', it is always a prelude to tragedy." If you simply let things come to pass, you will find yourself exposed to the vagaries of fortune and the whims of others. But if you believe you are here for a purpose, your life will take on the directedness of that purpose. Your energies will be focused. A sense of mission will give you strength. You will do remarkable things.

That was the special insight Jews brought to the world. They did not believe – as people did in ancient times and as atheists do today – that the universe is governed by mere chance.

The people who change the world are those who believe that life has a purpose, a direction, a destiny. They know where they want to go and what they want to achieve. In the case of Judaism that purpose is clear: to show what it is to create a small clearing in the desert of humanity where freedom and order coexist, where justice prevails, the weak are cared for and those in need are given help, where we have the humility to attribute our successes to God and our failures to ourselves, where we cherish life as the gift of God and do all we can to make it holy. In other words: precisely the opposite of the violence and brutality that is today being perpetrated by some religious extremists in the name of God.

To achieve this, though, we have to have a sense of collective purpose. That is the choice that Moses, speaking in the name of God, set before the Israelites. *Mikra* or *mikreh*? Does life just happen? Or is it a call from God to create moments of moral and spiritual beauty that redeem our humanity from the ruthless pursuit of power? "To give human life the dignity of a purpose." That is what Jews are called on to show the world.

Find your direction! Follow the direction. Hashem will lead you along the way.

Rabbi Tatz points out on aish.com,

we choose a direction, perhaps feeling that this must be the correct one, and tomorrow we are forced to wonder how we could possibly have seen things that way yesterday – the situation appears exactly opposite now. And of course, the next day we feel even more confused – eventually we lose confidence in our sense of direction altogether. Life is a halting, faltering business – three steps ahead today, two backwards tomorrow, and so often no more than helpless circles with the dismay of crossing our own tracks repeatedly.

So our ordeals are confusing. That is their essence. Our task is to develop the tenacity to hold onto the truth even when tempted to see it change. Our goal is to break through into clarity – that is transcendence! And that is the meaning of "There is no happiness like the resolution of doubts." The greatest happiness is simply knowing one's direction. Even if one has not yet started along the road; simply knowing which road to follow in life is a great elation. Torah is that direction, and one's personal portion in Torah is that road.

—Think about what you love to do most in life. If you could do what you love, what would it be? If you has all the money in the world and all the time in the world what would you do? That's a way to define what you should do. The answer for me is Radio and OT. What the answer for you?

Theres a famous article from Sara Yocheved Rigler that helps with thinking about your life, its mission, and your direction in life and explains it far better:

Many of us go through life like that: We follow the route laid out by society: going to college, finding a job, getting married, raising a family, but with no clear sense of the unique mission entrusted to us. We are pulled in many different directions, feeling compromised in what we do and guilty for what we don't do. Identifying our mission is, according to Rabbi Aryeh Nivin, the first step in leading a life of vibrancy and joy. "When you intersect with your life's purpose," he explains, "you feel excitement."

Knowing your personal mission is essential preparation for Rosh Hashanah. On Rosh Hashanah God apportions to each of us life, health, livelihood, and everything else. What is your plan for how you propose to use the life God gives you? The CEO is not going to dole out a million-dollar budget to an employee who doesn't have a carefully worked out proposal.

Rabbi Nivin offers two methods for discovering your mission:

1. **Ask yourself (and write down): What were the five or ten most pleasurable moments in my life?**
2. **Ask yourself: If I inherited a billion dollars and had six hours a day of discretionary time, what would I do with the time and money?**

When answering the first question, eliminate the universal transcendent moments, such as witnessing the beauty of nature or listening to music. Your mission, of course, may have to do with nature or music, but on a much more individual level than the high all people feel when they see the Grand Canyon. Although your mission may require hard work or genuine sacrifice,

when you are engaged in your life's mission you experience, as Rabbi Nivin puts it, "This feels so good that I could do it all day long."

Barbara Silverstein is a wife, mother, and hospice nurse. When talking to me recently about her "life's mission," she shrugged. Although her personal and professional lives are fraught with difficulties, she soldiers on with dedication and integrity. I asked her what she would do if she had loads of money and six hours a day of discretionary time. Barbara thought for a few minutes, then replied with passion: "I would set up a Jewish outreach center for the elderly. In my work with the terminally ill, I'm always facing men or women who are about to lose their spouse and they say to me, 'I don't know what I'll do about the funeral. I don't have a rabbi.' They want a spiritual connection with their Jewish roots, but they're clueless about how to do it." The more that Barbara talked, the more fervent she became.

"So that's your mission," I told her, "to establish a Jewish outreach center for the elderly. That's real pioneering work. No one else has done it."

"Are you kidding?" Barbara replied. "Between my family and my work, I don't have time for anything else."

Remembering Rabbi Nivin's advice, I suggested: "Take a half hour twice a week, and sit down with a pen and paper, and just start brainstorming. Write down whatever comes to your mind, what the first steps would be, and what you want it to look like in the end. And ask the Almighty for help in making it happen. He can give you whatever He deems you should have. And then see if the opportunity to take the next step emerges."

Two weeks later, Barbara phoned me, brimming with excitement. "This has really gotten my imagination going," she effused. "Everything I've learned throughout my life is coming in handy with this plan. I don't know if it'll ever amount to anything, but just thinking about it is like an electrical charge in my whole day. My husband and kids ask me why I'm smiling so much."

The Creator has outfitted you with a unique set of aptitudes, talents, and interests perfectly suited to what you are charged with accomplishing. By following your inclinations and abilities, you may already have found your mission. Sometimes your mission is deposited in your lap, such as the birth of a special needs child. The National Tay-Sachs Association, for example, was founded by the parents of children suffering from Tay-Sachs; the parents' daunting challenge metamorphosed into their life's mission.

If your mission is not yet clear to you, take a half hour between now and Rosh Hashanah and reflect on, "What do I really want to do with my life?" Perhaps you work full time developing software for Microsoft, but you've always felt a tug to write a book about internet addiction. Perhaps your greatest pleasure is tending your vegetable garden in suburban Detroit, but you've always dreamed of living on an agricultural settlement in Israel. Such inner urges may be whisperings from God, the secret message from Headquarters disclosing your true mission. The concept of each person having an individual life's mission is a key to respecting other people. Otherwise, you may feel that what's important to you should be important to everyone. You're an environmental activist? You may blame your sister for being oblivious to the environment without appreciating that her mission is to fight Holocaust denial. You belong to a group that feeds the homeless? You may find it reprehensible that that other group is apparently heedless to the homeless and spends all their time in pro-Israel activism on campus. Being able to say, "This is my mission and that is theirs," is the gateway to true tolerance and respect.

Knowing your individual mission validates your life and releases you from the pernicious habit of comparing yourself to others. Jonah Salk's mark on the world may seem as deep as a crater while your taking care of your handicapped brother may seem like a fingernail impression, but from a spiritual perspective the light you are shining into the world is unique and is exactly the light you came here to radiate.

One more point: Fulfilling your individual life's mission does not exempt you from your global missions, such as supporting your family or raising your children. Starting an outreach center for the elderly may have to wait until your children are grown. Writing that book on internet addiction may have to be tucked into your few spare hours after your full-time job. Don't worry. The God who assigned you your mission will make sure you have everything you need – including time now or later – to fulfill it.

—So what is your purpose and direction? Sit down and think about it. Analyze it. Think about what you leave love to do besides for taking care of family and friends....think about if you had money and time—what would you do? That's what you then SHOULD be doing!

Rabbi Noach weinberg ZT"l points out on aish.com

Did you ever get on a train going somewhere, only to find that you're headed in the wrong direction?

The same thing happens in life. We set goals and make plans – and sometimes discover that we're on "the wrong train."

Bi-vinat ha-lave literally means "understanding the heart." The heart is the seat of emotions. We say: "My heart is heavy, my heart is lifted, my heart is broken," etc. To understand your heart is to understand your true inner self.

Many people go through life making assumptions about who they are. They never take time to "meet" themselves. Don't be afraid of discovering that the "real you" may be different than the "current you."

Often a crisis hits at midlife when people ask: "What's my life about? Is this all worth it?" We've heard stories of people who suddenly change direction, quitting their job and getting divorced. You know, like the successful doctor who decides he never wanted to go into medicine in the first place – so he drops it and becomes an artist.

Knowing yourself is the essence of being alive. If you don't know yourself, you are not living. If you don't know what makes you tick, you're a robot, a puppet, a zombie.

So don't wait for a crisis. Life is too short to take wrong trains.

Get down to basics. You want to be rich. You want to be famous. You want to be good. You want to accomplish. You want meaning. You want to be creative. But why do you want all this? What's driving you? What you really want out of life?

Ask yourself 10 questions that you would ask an intimate friend. Then wait for answers. Don't worry, no one is going to poke fun at you.

1. What is the purpose of life?

2. What is my goal in life?
3. Why did I choose this career?
4. How do I spend my spare time?
5. What is my motivation for doing what I do?
6. What really makes me happy?
7. Am I as happy as I want to be?
8. Is it more important to be rich or to be happy?
9. What are my future plans? Why?
10. What are my secret dreams and ambitions?

Don't be surprised if the answers aren't immediate. This process can take many months. Stick with it and find out what makes you tick. The answers are hiding in there.

Finally, the most important question to ask is:

"What am I living for?"

—>Think about what your skillset is and what life really is about and how you can fuse the two.

From aish.com's daily lift:

Your soul is on a mission from its Creator. You are unique. Only you are you, now and always. Only you have your unique life mission. Your loving Father and awesomely powerful Creator loves you and wants you to succeed.

The situations and occurrences throughout your life are Divinely orchestrated to elevate you and your character. The questions you ask yourself about life create you and get you to focus on a direction. The Torah verse states (Deuteronomy 10:12) : "And now, what does the Almighty ask from you?" Please note the important word, "Now."

This is a question that we need to be aware of many times throughout each day. "Right now, what am I being asked to think, say, and do?"

Source: ((Life is Now: Creating moments of joy, courage, kindness, and serenity, p. 31))

—when you find that mission, you find that direction, make sure to follow through and persist at it!

Listen to a story from Nesanel Safran on aish.com

"Knock, knock," Cindy said as she opened the door to her younger sister Shari's camp bunk.

While she had been going to Camp Lakeside for years and knew the ropes, she wanted to make sure Shari was adjusting well on her first summer away from home.

"Oh, hi, Cindy," Shari greeted her with a big smile.

"Hi. You hadn't come by during afternoon break for a couple of days, so I wanted to make sure everything was okay."

"Everything's great!" Shari beamed. "I really like this camp and the best part about it is my new best friend, Karen. We spend the break time together. Actually I'm on my way to meet her now."

"That's good," said Cindy. "Karen stays here in this bunk with you?"

"Sure. She's sleeps right in this bed," Shari said, pointing to the bunk bed over her own. "And this is her locker, right under mine."

"Hmm," sniffed Cindy. "How come she got both the better bed and the better locker?"

"What do you mean?" Shari asked.

"Everyone knows that the top bunks are better, because no one climbs over you and that the lower lockers are better, 'cuz you don't have to stand on a chair to reach them. You should make her trade with you one or the other!"

"Oh," said Shari, her face falling. "Well anyway, it's no big deal. Karen and I have a great time together. Every day after breakfast I sign us out a rowboat to use during break. I'm going to the lake to meet her there now," she said, grabbing a box of cookies out of her locker, which suddenly did seem hard to reach.

Cindy shook her head. "That's not fair. Why should you always be the one to have to wait in line to sign up? Everyone knows it's a big hassle. You should tell Karen to do it half the time. And I hope she brings snack for you to share also and not just you."

"Yeah, sure ... I guess," Shari shrugged. "I never even paid attention, but from now on I sure will. Well, I've guess I've got to run now," Shari said, not nearly as smiley as she had been when her sister first walked in.

The next day, Cindy was talking with a couple of her friends during afternoon break when Shari walked over, head hanging down.

"Hey, this is a surprise," she said. "I didn't expect to see you this time of day."

"I'm bored - and homesick," the younger girl sighed.

"Really? But when I saw you yesterday you seemed so up. Aren't you spending break time with your friend, Karen?"

Shari grimaced. "She's not my friend anymore."

"Why? What happened?"

"I dunno. I just told her all those things you told me to and we got into a big fight," she sniffled, "we don't even talk to each other now."

As Cindy hugged her crying sister's head, she felt like crying herself, over her thoughtless words that had turned friends into enemies.

—When it comes to our direction in life, and dealing with friends in our lives—make sure to be sensitive to their wants and needs and to allow their emotions to take root, and to fully support their job and occupation even though it might be never something you could do. I myself could never be an uber driver or barista or accountant or lawyer, but there are others that love those fields and we have to respect that.

Nesanel Safran points out another story on aish.com

As the school bell rang, Rebecca Sears suddenly felt a new surge of energy. While she enjoyed her classes well enough, it was her after-school dance group that really got her excited. The group was now preparing its annual holiday program. This year's theme was "Rosh Hashana - the Coronation Day."

Before they started, Mrs. Allen, the new dance instructor, had explained the theme to the kids - something about how on the Jewish New Year we proclaim that God is our King, and not just

our dictator. Rebecca didn't really understand what she meant by that. After all, God was King whether we proclaimed it or not. And what was the difference between dictator and king?

But she didn't allow herself to think about all this too much, as she was much more interested in getting into the dance. But once practice started, Rebecca began to feel like she being ruled by a different kind of dictator - Mrs. Allen. The instructor worked the kids really hard. She wasn't at all like last year's instructor who let them do, more or less, whatever they wanted. Mrs. Allen stood over them to make sure they did each move properly, and made them practice the moves so many times that Rebecca felt like she was going to pop.

After a few days, Rebecca felt like she couldn't take it anymore and was ready to quit the group to escape the 'dictator's' clutches. But she figured since she was already there, and dressed for practice, she would endure one more session.

They started up. Again, more repetition, more tough moves. But this time, Rebecca started to feel a little different. She noticed how she was beginning to master the complicated dance steps, and how the whole group was really starting to come together. Everyone making the right moves at the right times really made a difference. She began to feel excited. If they kept it up, this was going to be a real professional show, not like last year's sloppy performance!

But what was even more interesting was that Rebecca began to see Mrs. Allen in a different light. She watched her busily go from girl to girl, encouraging each one to try a little harder, to bring out her best. She could feel the instructor's real love, and dedication to both her students and to the production's success. Maybe Mrs. Allen wasn't such a heartless dictator after all?

Rebecca didn't quit that day. In fact, she, and the rest of the kids got more into the dancing than ever before. They actually looked forward to Mrs. Allen's instructions and exercises, because they knew she was doing it to help them.

By the night of the show, they had jelled into one big, perfectly choreographed team, thanks to their devoted leader, Mrs. Allen. The auditorium was packed as Rebecca and her friends stood anxious, but confident backstage. Mrs. Allen addressed the audience with a few opening remarks, explaining the theme of the show, just as she had to the kids before the first practice session. She talked about how Rosh Hashana was about discovering that God is not just our dictator, but our loving and dedicated King; how sometimes what He sends us might seem difficult and hard to understand, but it's all in His plan to help us grow...

Although Rebecca had heard it all before, this time the woman's words suddenly clicked. Now she understood. These were exactly the feelings she had been having about the instructor herself!

The dance recital went great. Everybody said it was the best ever. But for Rebecca it was something special - a living lesson about loving leadership, and the start of a great, new year.

When we push ourselves and we find what our calling is, life seems so much more energized and revitalized. Think how you can find your mission, identify it, and run with it. Don't be stuck in a dead end bank teller job if you love animals! Don't be stuck as a barista if you love airplanes! Make sure to sit down and think what you really love and what you would do if you could if you had the time and the money! Don't let life pass you by on the directions of the years of your life.

Let's look at a few other sources.

Proverbs 21

Like channeled water is the mind of the king in the LORD's hand;
He directs it to whatever He wishes. All the ways of a man seem right to him,
But the LORD probes the mind.

PTC. Hashem is the one that really pushes us along the path, along the way, pray to hashem to set you on your way.

Akeidat Yitzchak 56

Divine intervention when applied to the Jewish people is the norm rather than the exception. Divine intervention, when applied to gentiles is restricted to a small segment of the people and occurs at rare intervals. Examples are: the deluge, Sodom, Nineveh, Avimelech and Pharaoh being punished on account of Abraham, Egypt's ten plagues and the kings of Canaan in their war against Joshua. We read in Psalms 33, 14, "G-d looks down from the heavens and relates to all the inhabitants of earth from His residence...the eye of the Lord is directed towards those who fear Him...

PTC. Everything in our lives, all our decisions of where our life would turn, was directed by hashem in his intervention. Remember hashem is always at your side.

[Proverbs 19:21](#)

רבות מחשבות בלב־איש וְעֶצְתָּהּ יְהוָה הִיא תִקְוָם:

Many designs are in a man's mind,
But it is the LORD's plan that is accomplished

Man plans and gd laughs quote—old yiddish saying

Sefer Haikkarim Maamar 2

Thus the Bible says, "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good," and concludes that the essence of His goodness is that "His mercy endureth forever," i. e. it continues. For this reason God is spoken of as "He who does charity at all times," as in the verse, "Happy are they that keep the justice of Him that doeth righteousness at all times." The word 'oseh, being singular, must refer to God, and the meaning is, Happy are they that keep the justice of God, who does righteousness at all times, and that imitate His conduct, as the Rabbis say...

[Duties of the Heart, Fourth Treatise on Trust 3:64](#)

One should not think that his livelihood depends on a particular means and that if these means fail, his livelihood will not come from a different means. Rather, trust in the Almighty, and know that all means are equal for Him. He can provide using whatever means and at any time and however He so wishes, as written "for with the L-ord there is no limitation to save with many or with few" (Shmuel I 14:6), and "But you must remember the L-ord your G-

d, for it is He that gives you strength to make wealth, in order to establish His covenant which He swore to your forefathers, as it is this day...

—PTC. dont stay in a job or profession you hate just bc it is “steady” or safe for a paycheck! follow the right dire tion, hashem can give money for any type of job or calling from anywhere!

Sforno on Deutoronomy 10

רק באבותיך חשק, and this is why He performed miracles which interfered with natural law; these miracles were for your benefit, but were orchestrated only because of His fondness for them. Clearly, G'd's purpose must have been that there should arise on earth someone even more perfect than any other creature, i.e. a perfect human being, one that realises his full potential, will resemble Me to the maximum extent that a creature can resemble its Creator, i.e. בצלמנו כדמותנו (Genesis 1,26).

Radak on Geneis 24

now the Torah tells us that Yitzchok encountered them as if by coincidence. The fact is, of course, that G'd arranges matters for the benefit of those whom He loves without their even being aware of it at the time.

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Pirkei Avot 2:1

Rabbi Said: which is the straight **path** that a man should choose for himself? One which is an honor to the person adopting it, and [on account of which] honor [accrues] to him from others.

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Pirkei Avot 2:9

He said to them: Go out and see what is a straight path that a person should cling to. Rabbi Eliezer says: A good eye. Rabbi Yehoshua says: A good friend. Rabbi Yosi says: A good neighbor. Rabbi Shimon says: Seeing the consequences of one's actions. Rabbi Elazar says: A good heart. He said to them: I see the words of Rabbi Elazar ben Arakh [as better than] all of yours, because your words are included in his.

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PTC. Hashem is the one that really pushes us along the path, along the way, pray to hashem to set you on your way.

PTC. Everything in our lives, all our decisions of where our life would turn, was directed by hashem in his intervention. Remember hashem is always at your side.

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Wrap-up.

Hashem wants you to succeed but you have to find that path for him to walk you along to fulfill your mission in life. Don't get on the wrong train of directions in your life! Don't board the wrong plane of life! Make sure to identify our skillset, your passion in life, your abilities and capabilities and follow them regardless of setbacks. Hashem will have your back and the whole world will be so much better off with your contributions.