

What's your mission?

Whether we think about the following questions on our own, in discussion with others, or even in written form, they are important philosophical questions. They are important because the answers have profound practical implications for the career choices we make, and the amount of satisfaction we are likely to gain within those careers. It is important to revisit questions such as these regularly throughout the career lifespan.

1. What do you want to achieve in your career?
2. How do you want to connect with others through your work?
3. How can your work be of value to the community?
4. Have you been inspired by examples of work becoming a force for change?
5. If so, reflect on the meaning they might have for your own career.
6. What is your mission? In other words, what do you most value? How do you want to contribute to making the world a better place?

Headstone activity

A fun (though macabre) way to think about this is to think about how you would like to be remembered.

What would you like your obituary to say?

What would you like someone to say at your funeral?

What would you like to see written on your headstone?



Making it count!

Write the speech you would like someone to make at your retirement. Include 3 things you had achieved, and add these to the aspirations statement in your CV. If you don't yet have a statement, create one!

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