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Making the Most of Life's Transitions

"WHAT'S NEXT?"

That is the question for many as the school year wraps up, students graduate, and new chapters begin. This time of year is what IVP author D. Michael Lindsay calls a “hinge moment,” an opportunity to open (or close) doors to various pathways of our lives.

To help graduates, students, parents, and teachers navigate the various “hinge moments” they find themselves in, we have put together the following five resources. We hope these books will foster ideas for articles, excerpts, and interviews that offer direction for personal growth, new jobs, and next steps.

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“There are particular moments in life which are very much like a hinge on a door. Sometimes we call them pivotal, but what we really mean is that whatever follows will hinge on the decisions made in these opportune times. Such moments are axial by nature. They represent a fixed time, place, or event which produces consequences for the rest of our days. Getting them right can change our lives for the better. Getting them wrong can pose problems for years to come. Each of us is given a finite number of these hinge moments in life. In total, they may represent only a few hundred minutes out of our total lives of seventy or eighty years, but they have an outsized impact on the other thirty-seven million minutes of our time on earth.”

-HINGE MOMENTS: MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE’S TRANSITIONS

Exploring these “hinge moments,” D. MICHAEL LINDSAY, president-elect for Taylor University and author of Faith in the Faith in the Halls of Power, shares faith-based stories of success and failure from his ten-year study of other leaders, providing both practical and spiritual insights for making the most of each stage of life.

Request a review copy or interview.
LIFE QUESTIONS EVERY STUDENT ASKS:
Faithful Responses to Common Issues

View Book

- What does it mean to be in community?
- How can I discern my vocation?
- How should I understand marriage and sex?
- How should I relate to money and power?
- What happens if I doubt my faith?
- How should I approach interfaith dialogue?

To help students navigate these questions about some of life’s most pressing and difficult issues, GARY M. BURGE and DAVID LAUBER, coeditors of Theology Questions Everyone Asks, have gathered insights from Christian faculty who draw on their own experiences in conversation with students during office hours and over coffee.

Sometimes, the deepest learning takes place outside the classroom.

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“If human beings lead with their hearts, so to speak, then the wisest approach to instilling lasting faith in our kids will involve the cultivation of discernment in place of fear, the proper ordering of loves in place of mere information, and a holistic imitation of Christ, instead of an overreliance on so-called experts. In other words, parents offer the most persuasive vision of Christianity when they embody it in their lives.”

-STUART AND CAMERON McALLISTER

Father and son **STUART** and **CAMERON McALLISTER** reflect on their own experiences of coming to Christian faith—Stuart from a life of crime on the streets of Glasgow, and Cameron in the context of a loving Christian home. Together they outline three dangerous myths that we all too easily buy into: that fear can protect our children, that information can save them, and that their spiritual education belongs to the experts.
“The strangeness of life after college can make us want to run from it all. We can feel lost, alone and unknown. . . . You are not alone. Many alumni have gone before you, have shared in the same struggle and have lived to tell you that this only lasted for a time until they established a new normal.”

-ERICA YOUNG REITZ

ERICA YOUNG REITZ has specialized in helping college seniors and recent graduates navigate the transition to postcollege life. Drawing on best practices and research on senior preparedness, she offers practical tools for a life of faithfulness and flourishing during a critical, transitional time. This practical guide addresses the top issues graduates face: making decisions, finding friends, managing money, discerning your calling, and much more.
“That is our task too, ordinary people that we are, living in the ordinary places that are ours, called to see all of life sacramentally, understanding our vocations as signposts for a more coherent world where things that are real and true and right are woven into the fabric of the world—eating and drinking, worshiping and working, loving and living—seamlessly connecting the world that is with the world that someday will be.”

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