

The Tip of the Spear

The "Tip of the Spear" is a [tool](#) designed to help you sharpen your focus in life by [prioritizing and maintaining](#) those priorities throughout your life. The idea is that the sharper the tip of the spear (our lives), the deeper the [impact](#). We too often live hurried lives, constantly yielding to the press of the present or the tyranny of the urgent. Not surprisingly in the fog of war, we lose our way and find ourselves feeling disillusioned and ineffective.

Where are we headed? How did we lose sight of the things that matter most? How did we get in the ditch directionally? Frequently, we find ourselves losing a sense of [priorities and direction](#). The result is not pretty; a directionless life devoid of priorities, yielding to the most powerful or demanding voices and entities that claim our attention. Unfortunately, the ones we love the most and care most about are lost or minimized by our failure to maintain priorities.

We all want to [finish](#) well. I've never met a person who suggested he wanted to crash and burn and leave no lasting legacy. Of course, we all want to finish strong, or as my accountability partner and I say each time we part, "Finish on fire!" The likelihood of that happening is slim to none without focusing on the things that matter most and maintaining that focus reasonably well over time.

In the Tip of the Spear, you will learn to appreciate the [journey thus far](#). You will nail down your reason to be, prioritize your future, and set goals to help you get there. James 4:13-15 reads, "*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a [vapor](#) that appears for a little while and then [vanishes](#) away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."* Some see

this as an admonition to not worry about planning. Just wing it and the Lord will guide you. I believe that is a total misinterpretation of these verses. I think what James is saying is to plan as thoroughly as you know how to and then submit yourself to God's will. Plan well and trust God to direct you. Proverbs 3:5-6 reads, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.*"

I suggest that after finishing the Tip of the Spear, you work through it at least quarterly the first year to get comfortable with the process. Then use it as needed. Whenever you feel life rushing by too fast, or feel yourself getting lost in the noise of busyness, stop and take thirty to forty-five minutes and refocus your life. Get your balance back. By going through the Tip of the Spear, it can serve as a check-up. You can identify areas where you have become out of balance. Then make necessary adjustments to get back on track toward finishing on fire.

Remember: Track + Action =Traction.

The Tip of the Spear will provide you a track to run on, but you must put action to it, or it will become just another good plan not applied. Let's get started on your journey to Finish on Fire!