

The Leadership Academy at Hope Chapel Kealapono
A Biblical View of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Habit 2: “Begin with the End in Mind” Part 4

Proverbs 3:5-6 & Colossians 1:16-17

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Habit 2, BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND, means developing a clear picture of where you want to go with your life. The last piece in implementing Habit 2 is Identifying and Deciding on Who or What will be the Center (the Source) of our Security, Guidance, Wisdom, and Power. Here at Hope Chapel, we Believe that our Center is Jesus Christ.

I. What We Have Learned So Far

A. Habit 1 Be Proactive: I am 100% Responsible for My Life [2 Timothy 1:7]

B. Habit 2 Begin with the End in Mind [Proverbs 29:18; 2 Timothy 4:7-8]

1. What Really Matters Most to Me?
2. My Roles and Long-Term Goals
3. Developing a Personal Mission Statement (2)

II. The Center of My Life: the Lens Through Which I See the World

A. Whatever is at the Center of Our Life will be the Source of Our Security, Guidance, Wisdom, and Power

1. **Security** represents your sense of worth, your identity, your emotional anchorage, your self-esteem, your basic personal strength, or lack of it
2. **Guidance** means your source of direction in life. These are the standards, principles, criteria that govern moment-by-moment decision-making and doing.
3. **Wisdom** is your perspective on life, your sense of balance, your understanding of how the various parts and principles apply and relate to each other. It embraces judgment, discernment, and comprehension
4. **Power** is the faculty or capacity to act, the strength and potency to accomplish something. It is the vital energy to make choices and decisions. It also includes the capacity to overcome deeply imbedded habits and to cultivate higher, more effective ones

B. Alternative Centers [end of notes]

III. The Value of a Christ-Centered Life [Proverbs 3:5-6; Colossians 1:16-17]

1. **Security** is in the Truth that In Christ
 - a. I am a Child of God [Romans 8:14-17]
 - b. Nothing can Separate Me from the Love of God [Ro 8:31-39]
 - c. God does not Change [Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8]

2. **Guidance** is in the Truth that In Christ
 - a. I have a Righteous Plan [Jeremiah 29:11]
 - b. I can Make Righteous Decisions with Righteous Counsel [Jeremiah 6:16]
 - c. I can Boldly Approach God expecting Love, Mercy, Grace, Help [Hebrews 4:16]

3. **Wisdom** is in the Truth that In Christ
 - a. Life is Clearly Defined [John 1:1-5]
 - b. Seeking God first is a Life that God adds to [Matthew 6:33]
 - c. God will give me the Desires of My Heart [Psalm 37:4]

4. **Power** is in the Truth that In Christ
 - a. I am blessed with the Power of God [2 Timothy 1:7]
 - b. I Can Do a Lot! [Philippians 4:13]
 - c. Nothing is Impossible with God [Luke 1:37]

CENTER	SECURITY	GUIDANCE	WISDOM	POWER
If you are ... Spouse-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your feelings of security are based on the way your spouse treats you. • You are highly vulnerable to the moods and feelings of your spouse. • There is deep disappointment resulting in withdrawal or conflict when your spouse disagrees with you or does not meet your expectations. • Anything that may impinge on the relationship is perceived as a threat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your direction comes from your own needs and wants and from those of your spouse. • Your decision-making criterion is limited to what you think is best for your marriage or your mate, or to the preferences and opinions of your spouse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your life perspective surrounds things that may positively or negatively influence your spouse or your relationship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your power to act is limited by weaknesses in your spouse and in yourself.
If you are ... Family-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your security is founded on family acceptance and fulfilling family expectations. • Your sense of personal security is as volatile as the family. • Your feelings of self-worth are based on the family reputation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family scripting is your source of correct attitudes and behaviors. • Your decision-making criterion is what is good for the family, or what family members want. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You interpret all of life in terms of your family, creating a partial understanding and family narcissism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your actions are limited by family models and traditions.

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If you are ... Money-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your personal worth is determined by your net worth. You are vulnerable to anything that threatens your economic security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profit is your decision-making criterion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moneymaking is the lens through which life is seen and understood, creating imbalanced judgment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are restricted to what you can accomplish with your money and your limited vision.
If you are ... Work-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You tend to define yourself by your occupational role. You are only comfortable when you are working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You make your decisions based on the needs and expectations of your work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You tend to be limited to your work role. You see your work as your life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your actions are limited by work role models, occupational opportunities, organizational constraints, your boss's perceptions, and your possible inability at some point in your life to do that particular work.
If you are ... Possession-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your security is based on your reputation, your social status, or the tangible things you possess. You tend to compare what you have to what others have. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You make your decisions based on what will protect, increase, or better display your possessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You see the world in terms of comparative economic and social relationships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You function within the limits of what you can buy or the social prominence you can achieve.
If you are ... Pleasure-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You feel secure only when you're on a pleasure "high." Your security is short-lived, anesthetizing, and dependent on your environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You make your decisions based on what will give you the most pleasure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You see the world in terms of what's in it for you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your power is almost negligible.
If you are ... Friend-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your security is a function of the social mirror. You are highly dependent on the opinions of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your decision-making criterion is "What will they think?" You are easily embarrassed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You see the world through a social lens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are limited by your social comfort zone. Your actions are as fickle as opinion.
If you are ... Enemy-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your security is volatile, based on the movements of your enemy. You are always wondering what he is up to. You seek self-justification and validation from the like-minded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are counter-dependently guided by your enemy's actions. You make your decisions based on what will thwart your enemy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your judgment is narrow and distorted. You are defensive, over-reactive, and often paranoid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The little power you have comes from anger, envy, resentment, and vengeance—negative energy that shrivels and destroys, leaving energy for little else.
If you are ... Church-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your security is based on church activity and on the esteem in which you are held by those in authority or influence in the church. You find identity and security in religious labels and comparisons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are guided by how others will evaluate your actions in the context of church teachings and expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You see the world in terms of "believers" and "nonbelievers," "belongers" and "nonbelongers." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perceived power comes from your church position or role.
If you are ... Self-Centered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your security is constantly changing and shifting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your judgment criteria are: "If it feels good..." "What I want." "What I need." "What's in it for me?" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You view the world by how decisions, events, or circumstances will affect you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ability to act is limited to your own resources, without the benefits of interdependency.