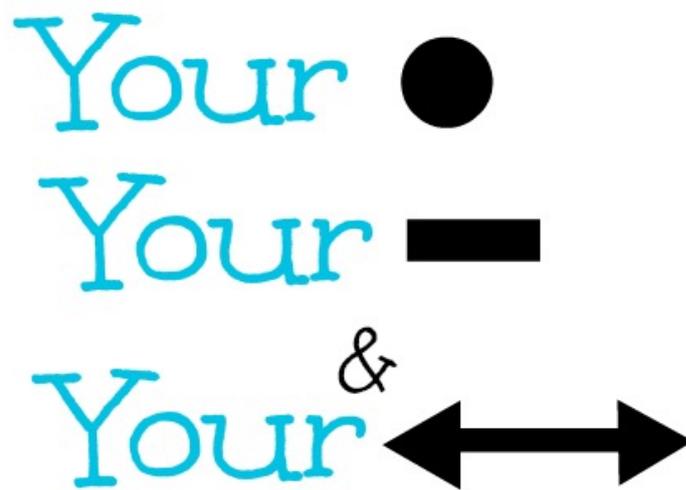


Your Dot and Your Dash and Your Line



So I was talking to an iron-sharpens-iron-friend at our ladies prayer group last Friday. She told me how she admonishes her kids about their *dot*. She reminds them that in their *dot*, they have a *dash*. And this *dash* is all we get to affect the *line* God has given us. What you do with your *dash* in your *dot* affects the *line*. Your *dot* matters. Your *dash* matters.

The same thing applies to all of us. We only have one *dot*. Since we only have one *dot*, we must carefully choose how we will use our *dash*. We must hone our skills and pray for the Father to transform us into the image of His son so our dash will bear much fruit for the *line*.

- **Dot:** the time God has appointed for us to live upon this earth. God has specifically chosen where and when you live. You get to choose the *how*. This life, in this space and this time, is your *dot*. *“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.” Acts 17:26*
- **Dash:** the time between your birth and death. Your dash is the dash that will be on your tombstone. Example 1963–1999. Your **dash** is your life. How did you spend it? How did you live it? How did you use your time, talent and treasure? Did you pour it all out? Did you hold back? Did you hoard it all for yourself? Your life and what you do with it is your **dash**. *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10*
- **Line:** this is God’s *time*, eternity. It’s the place where we live out our dot and dash. We each get a little dot on God’s line to use our dash. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the word was God, and the Word was with God.” John 1:1*

How effective we are with our dot and dash depends on how much we are in God’s Word. Are we doers of His Word and not hearers only? Are we obedient to His will? Are we sowing the seed of God’s Word into our situations and circumstances? *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10*

So let's get busy with our dot and our dash and God's line!

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