

A life of significance is a tricky thing to define, since the definition can vary so heavily from person to person. To some people, it can mean getting a high paying job, making connections, falling in love, maintaining strong relationships. To me, it is a combination of doing things you love and being near the people you love while also making an impact on someone else's life. To live a life of significance is to make someone else feel significant in your life, as that can impact other people in such a large way. Though the definition of a life of significance changes from one person to another, it is still so difficult to define what it means to you. The beginning of living a life of significance is discovering your own personal definition, then following it for the rest of your life.

The first crucial part of a life of significance is love. Anything strong enough to change your life and someone else's typically comes down to love. For instance, if someone is feeling bad or lonely, knowing that at least one person loves and cares for them can be helpful. To me, that one person who makes them feel safe and loved is living a life of significance since they managed to help someone in such a manner. Love as the basis for a life of significance does not necessarily mean through relationships. It can also mean finding a job or a place that you love working. If you do not love what you do, you will feel as though you are not making any differences in the world, especially to yourself. In order to live a life of significance, you should be happy in these aspects of your life. Even if a job does not pay as much as another option, it is always best to choose the one that you would feel happier at if you are able to. From there, you could change other people's lives with the work that you do, as well as hiring new people and introducing them to something that you love.

Another key component of a life of significance is helping people around you. Making an impact on someone can positively affect you as well, as it typically feels nice to do things for

others in need. Making an impact on someone can mean so many different things. It could mean that you are helping them with a task they are struggling to complete, or helping them through a tough time in their life, or other small things you can do for the people close to you. Doing this also strengthens your relationships with those that you love or care about, making your connections and bonds even stronger, which can also make one feel like they are living a life of significance. Impacting a more widespread group of people, can be done through community outreach and helping the underprivileged in any way possible. Having the desire to help another person and truly change their life for the better is a big trait of living a life of significance. Doing selfless things solely for the sake of doing them and wanting to help others is, in my opinion, one of the biggest pieces of a life of significance.

Making connections is crucial to feeling as though you are living a life of significance. Feeling alone and isolated will only produce feelings of depression, as will overworking yourself and cutting yourself off from the people you already have bonds with. Friendship is such a big part of what makes many humans happy, and happiness is what truly makes a life significant. Without a strong group of people to turn to, you will end up feeling unworthy or not good enough, cut off from the world, and like you are missing out on something that everyone else seems to be enjoying. In a scenario like this, I imagine it would be difficult to live a life of significance, because although you could still help others and do a job you enjoy, a bit of that happiness will always be missing. Living a life of significance is not something you are meant to do entirely alone. Friends, loved ones, and family members help you achieve a life of significance while you also help them achieve a life of significance as well. Though life is not meant to be perfect or easy, having these bonds can make difficult times seem much more bearable.

