Passion, planning and perseverance are what takes a life from average to fulfilling and exciting.

Passion usually implies a strong emotion that has an overpowering or compelling effect. It implies intense enthusiasm for an object or cause, usually as displayed by vigorous and untiring activity in its support.

Perseverance is a continued patient effort; refusing to relent, especially in the face of opposition or interference.

Planning is essential. Create a plan that is so detailed that you can check something off of it every day. Nothing can be achieved without planning!

The key to finding a career that embodies passion and inspires perseverance is finding those activities and ideas in life that ignites enthusiasm in your heart and fascination in your mind.

One of the most important approaches when deciding on careers is reflecting on your life to identify those experiences of ignition and fascination.

Your experiences never end. This process never ends.

You will go places and do things you never dreamed of, if you plan and persevere.

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