

“ Now each of you is in the process of building the structure of your lives, and the question is whether you have a proper, solid, and sound blueprint, ” This quote is taken from one of Dr. Martin Luther King's speeches called “ What Is Your Life's Blueprint? ” This speech explains and demonstrates how everyone in the world has a life blueprint. However, not everyone understands what Dr. King was talking about or what he truly meant by this concept. After reading this speech, I feel that what Dr. King meant is to create your own personal structure and building blocks of what makes you a person.

Dr. King begins to talk about some things that could be in this very blueprint. For example, he talks about having a deep belief in your dignity and having the determination to achieve excellence. These are a few examples that could begin your blueprint or structure in life which can also help determine what you will do concerning the future within your grasp. Everyone's blueprint is different and might not always be the same as your own which is why a blueprint can be beneficial; because not everyone is made of the same material...we are all constructed differently.

While reading this speech, I saw many different points and references that relate to my own blueprint. Reading the “blueprint speech”, you might find a point that is related to your own life or that could help you create your own blueprint. The speech addresses “achieving excellence in various fields of endeavor.” The reason why I feel as if this

point in Dr. King's speech is a reference to my life is that I always say I am done when I know I could do so much more.

An example of this is my artwork. When I think I am finished with a piece of artwork, I don't look back and see if I could do more or make it look better. In the future, I should think of more ways I can improve my work because if I'm able to achieve it, then I should. Dr. King also states, "Don't just set out to do a good job. Set out to do such a good job that the living, the dead, or the unborn couldn't do it any better. " This point in his speech affects me a lot in a variety of ways. It proves to me that I can do so much more than others and that I could be the best version of myself if I put more effort into my work.

I believe I can open many distinct doors by creating and adapting my blueprint that I might never have opened before. What I mean by doors is many distinct opportunities and choices that I might have not seen before had I not created this blueprint. An example of a door that I can open by doing so, is finding a deep belief in myself or in what I can do as a person. Without creating my blueprint I may never reach my true potential.

Another door that I believe I could open is perhaps finding my passion in what I want to do in my life or when I get older. In life, there are so many unique and various opportunities to accomplish that you might not know which one to pick. With this blueprint I might go and see what my true passion is and what I want to do with my life,

perhaps as a job, hobby, or even both. An example of this is trying new and different things that I am not familiar with so I can learn what I truly like and dislike.

As Dr. Martin Luther King states in his "What Is Your Life's Blueprint" speech, "Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are." After being inspired by Dr. King's words, I plan on doing just that.