

“Life is Too Precious to Waste”

Ephesians 5:15-17 NLT

Be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but **understand what the Lord wants you to do.**

What does God want?

Romans 6:13 NLT

Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

Deuteronomy 10:12 NCV

This is what the LORD your God wants you to do: Respect the LORD your God, and do what he has told you to do. Love him. Serve the LORD your God with your whole being.

“The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important.” C.S. Lewis

Proverbs 3:6 LB

In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.

What does God want? He wants you. He wants your whole life.

What does it take?

1 Timothy 4:7b NASB

Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.

Hebrews 12:1b NLT

Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Luke 10:40-42 NLT

Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all

the work? Tell her to come and help me.” But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Philippians 2:13 NLT

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Proverbs 10:27a NLT

Fear of the LORD lengthens one’s life.

What does it take? It takes discipline. It takes habits. It takes doing some spiritual exercises.

Why should I do it?

2 Corinthians 5:15 NLT

He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

Ephesians 1:7 NLT

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Romans 12:1 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

2 Corinthians 6:1 NLT

As God’s partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God’s kindness and then ignore it.

Why should I do it? The Cross! Jesus gave His life completely for you and He wants your life completely in return.