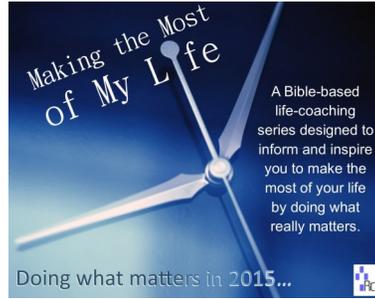


Making the Most of My Life in 2015



All of the valuables God has given us to invest our lives into His Kingdom are

_____, but not stoppable.

- “A devout life does bring wealth, **but** it’s the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that’s enough” (1 Tim. 6:6-8 MSG).
- “**Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble.** Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after. But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life—a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses” (1 Tim. 6:10-12 MSG).
- “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that” (1 Tim. 6:6-8 NIV).

Godliness with contentment are a great combination enabling us to _____.

Godliness with _____ and greed are a devastating combination disabling our LOVE.

What kind of a _____ do I want?

A. Do I just want more _____ in return of my investments?

- “A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...” (Prov. 13:22 NIV).

Inheritance Principle: The goal isn’t to just leave a bunch of money, you have to also leave behind you a legacy of what to do with that money or you are doing nothing more than passing on a curse to them.

B. Do I just want to _____—only investing in what I have to buy to live?

C. Do I just want to feel like I _____—investing in a quick feel-good drive-by opportunity?

Hidden motives behind this kind of investing:

1. It is a fleeting moment of, “I _____ a _____.”
2. I’m only after the _____ that I’m giving, and not after really making a difference.

Key Question I Have to Answer: Is that where I am called to _____ direct the flow of money God has given me in my life?

D. Do I want to _____—investing with LOVE to something—living beyond me surviving or financially thriving?

- Mark 10:17-31 MSG Story of Rich Man and Jesus’ Challenge; Matthew 5:21 MSG; Matthew 5:27-28 NIV; Malachi 3:6-12 NIV

What kind of return do I want? _____

Where do I begin?

1. Start with what I _____ . Mark 12:41-44.
2. Work to _____, not to survive.
3. Look at where my money is _____ going.

Tips:

⇒Shop for the best price on things you HAVE to buy.

⇒Do the work yourself when you can, don’t be afraid to _____ us for help.

⇒Make the most out of your _____.

⇒Find ways to cut your _____ bills.

⇒Find ways to improve your _____.

⇒Find a way to be free of _____ and/or _____—and stop investing money in things that destroy.

⇒Decide your money is a _____ for you to LOVE.