



Making a Difference

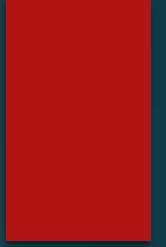
2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

Paul's Last Lap

- ▶ Acts closes with Paul under house arrest in Rome.
- ▶ He was acquitted and released.
- ▶ He resumed travel and ministry.
- ▶ The Great Fire of Rome – AD 64
- ▶ Paul was apprehended and brought to Rome.
- ▶ He wrote 2 Timothy.
- ▶ He expected the time of his death was drawing near.

2 Timothy 4:6-7

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.



Paul's Reasons for Writing

- ▶ To encourage Timothy to remain faithful
- ▶ To urge Timothy to pass on the baton of faith
- ▶ To warn Timothy about growing apostacy
- ▶ To emphasize the authority and sufficiency of Scripture
- ▶ To seek out encouragement from Timothy

Question

- ▶ Do you want your life to make a difference? Do you want your life to matter?



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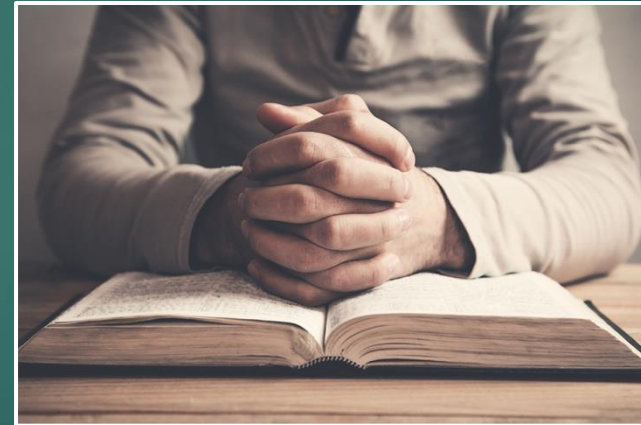
Where We're Heading

- ▶ We're looking at 7 aspects of the call of God on our lives that result in a meaningful life in every stage of life



The First Aspect ...

- ▶ God calls us to advance the promise of life in Christ. 1



2 Timothy 1:1

¹ From Paul,
an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God,
to further the promise of life in Christ Jesus. (NET)

John 10:10

John 14:6

Ephesians 2:1-10

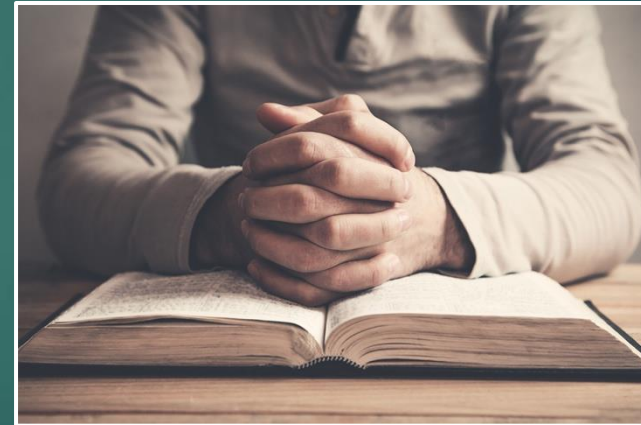
The Second Aspect ...

- ▶ God calls us to enjoy His presence and goodness. 2

Grace

Mercy

Peace

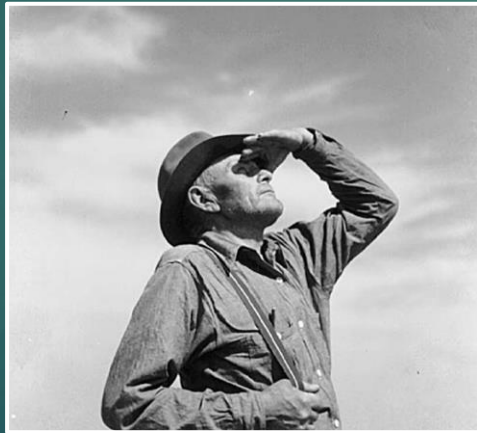


The Westminster Catechism

- ▶ Question ... What is the chief end of man?
- ▶ Answer ... Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Romans 5:5

⁵ And hope (confidence in God) does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.



The Third Aspect ...

- ▶ God calls us to serve Him in everything we do.
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Starting Your Day

What's Your Mindset?





Colossians 3:23-24

²³ Whatever you do,

work heartily,

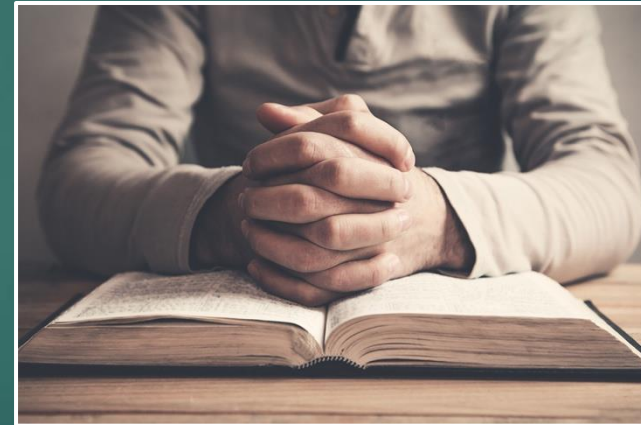
as for the Lord and not for men,

²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.

You are serving the Lord Christ.

The Fourth Aspect ...

- ▶ God calls us to invest in others. 2a and 3-4
- ▶ Relational Closeness
- ▶ Godly Example
- ▶ Constant Prayer
- ▶ Joy and Encouragement



Something to Think About

- ▶ Who has invested in you?
- ▶ Who will say that you invested in them.



The Fifth Aspect ...

- ▶ God calls us to a sincere faith. 5a

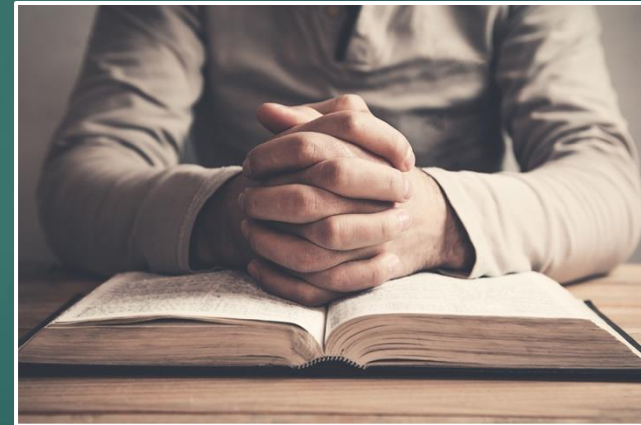


Perfect Faith? ... Sincere Faith?



The Sixth Aspect ...

- ▶ God calls us to godly parenting that impresses the truths of God's Word on the hearts of our children. 5



A Very Important Truth

- ▶ Parents are the primary disciple-makers of their children, not the church.



Deuteronomy 6:6-7

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

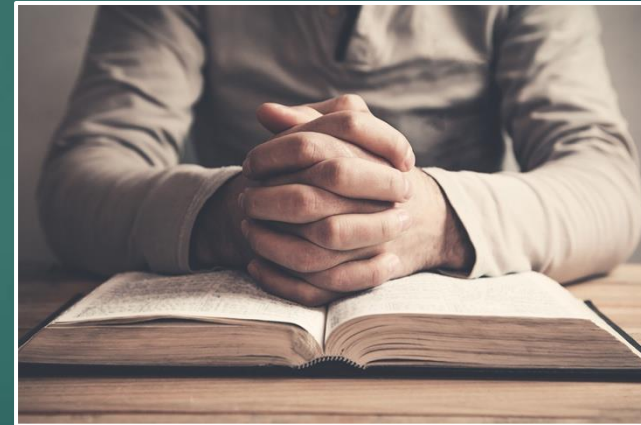
⁷ Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.



Seventh ...

- ▶ God calls us to boldly develop and use the gifts He has given us. 6-7

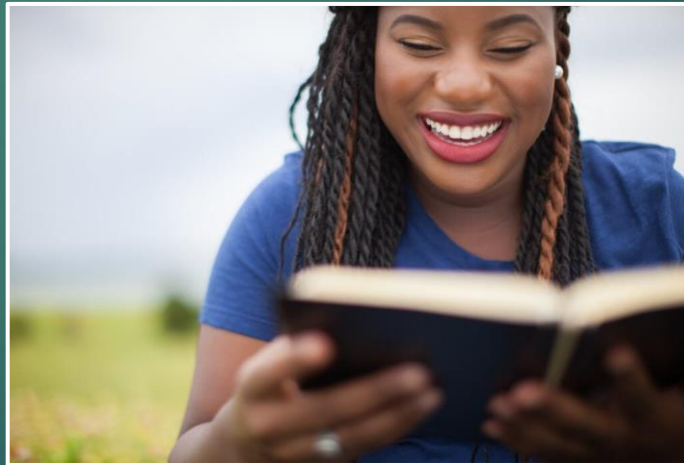


Campfire with the Grandkids



Vance Havner

"Don't ask God to use you. Instead, ask God to make you usable. For when we are usable, being used by God is a given."





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