

“Unusual Spending”

Titus 3:3

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Most of the time when we think about spending, we think about money: prices, costs, credit/debit, other expenses, etc. But there are ways to spend that have nothing to do with financial matters. There is spending you are doing today that has nothing to do with your wallet. Really. And tomorrow will have additional opportunities. Life is filled with occasions for this kind of unusual spending. Even with how important it is for us to be skilled with managing our money, today’s lessons are far more impacting. As we hear and understand some simple words from the Apostle Paul, we will be different people because of the truth he presented.

“Spending Our Life”

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What Makes Us ‘Intentional’?

- Remembering Our Condition
- Recognizing Other’s Needs
- Understanding God’s Heart

“Good Deeds”

Waste Not, Want Not

Application:

Ask the Lord to show us how our attitude is towards others

Let’s offer ourselves to the Lord afresh

Let’s trust Him and follow where He leads

Conclusion:

The Lord isn’t just calling us to be productive. He is calling us into the ‘family business’ of work that has an eternal effect. This impacts us in the way we grow and become more like Christ in our character. This also impacts those around us who desperately need to know the truth of the gospel. In the process, the Lord is caring for us so that we don’t look back on our lives with regret. Let us respond to the Lord by surrendering more to Him and offering ourselves for His plans and purposes so that He can spend us well for His kingdom and His glory.

For Thought & Talk

Small Group Discussion Questions

Review Pastor Marc’s main points from Sunday, and discuss the following questions that your group would most like to explore, remembering that the goal of NCFE’s small groups is to grow together relationally, to apply God’s Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

- The word “spending” is part of a word picture that Paul provides to help us understand more clearly and more deeply what he is saying. What other word pictures from the Bible or from daily life has the Lord used with you? How has this impacted you?
- How healthy is your ‘we’, ‘us’, ‘them’? To what degree do you struggle with pointing the finger at others? In addition to what Paul wrote to Titus, what are other passages from the Bible that come to mind about being more compassionate?
- How is the Lord wanting to ‘spend’ you? What has He spoken to you in the past? Is there something new He is doing? What are your next steps in following His leading?
- How much do you sense God’s heart for the lost? Read Titus 3:1-7. Then read Ephesians 2:1-10 for a similar passage by Paul. How do they compare? What surprised you in either of these passages?
- What obstacles do you face in surrendering more of yourself to the Lord? Is it fear? Is it doubt? Have you been hurt before? Whatever the issue is, what verses come to mind that offer help and God’s view of the matter?
- To what degree do you think Paul wrestled with regret and needed the Lord’s pastoring and healing? What verses come to mind that relate to this (that voice either his remorse or speak to the reassurance God gave him)?