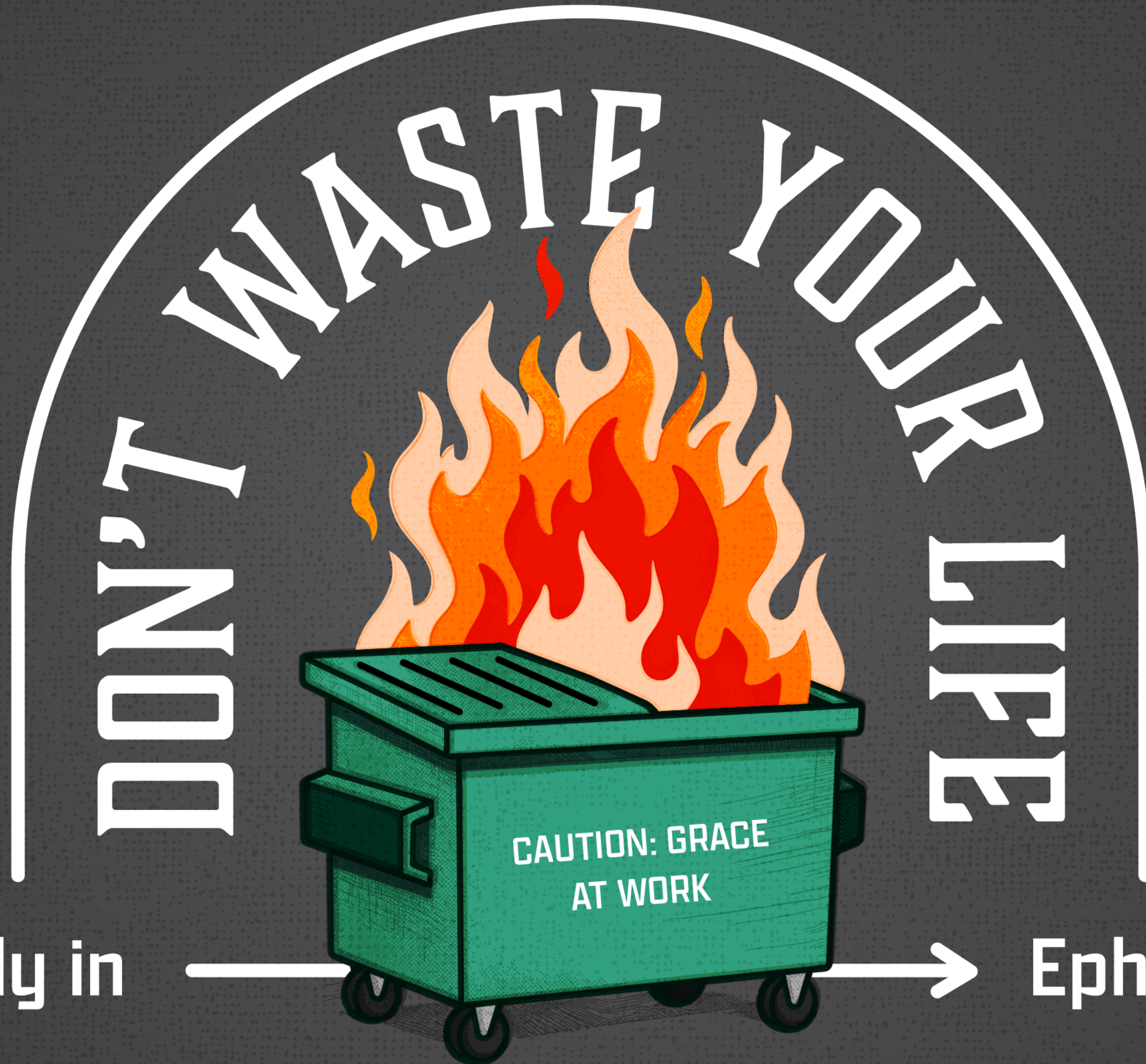




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# THE WAY TO THE UNWASTED LIFE

Ephesians 1:1–2

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To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful  
in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and  
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**Ephesians 1:1–2**

though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

**Philippians 3:4–6**

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

**Philippians 3:7**

# **PAUL'S WILL**

Enemy of Christ and his church

# **GOD'S WILL**

Servant of Christ and his church

# THE GRACE OF GOD'S WILL TURNS REBELS INTO SERVANTS OF CHRIST

Ephesians 1:1a

# **A LIFE DIRECTED BY GOD'S WILL**

May not be easy

But it will not be empty

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# **SAINTS**

Set apart by God

Sinners claimed by God

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**BY GRACE, THE CHURCH LIVES IN  
SPANISH SPRINGS, BUT ITS  
ADDRESS IS “IN CHRIST”**

Ephesians 1:1b

**YOUR TRUEST ADDRESS IS IN CHRIST.**

Do not forward your mail to your old address

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**Ephesians 1:2**

# **GRACE**

God's favor, unearned

# **PEACE**

The relational experience of  
reconciliation with God

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and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 1:2**

**God's grace → Faith and Repentance → Peace with God**

# WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE GOSPEL CAME TO EPHESUS?

Acts 19:18–29

# EPHESUS

Artemis

Witchcraft and magic

Sexual autonomy

Spiritual pluralism

Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

**Acts 19:18–20**

**God's  
grace**



**Faith and  
Repentance**



**Peace  
with God**



**War against  
disloyalty**

Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while. About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen.

**Acts 19:21–24**

These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship.”

When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s companions in travel.

**Acts 19:25–29**



**THE WORLD DOES NOT MIND A  
JESUS WHO INSPIRES YOU.**

**IT RESISTS A JESUS WHO  
REPLACES ITS GODS.**

**GRACE AND PEACE ARE THE  
ONLY WAY TO KEEP US FROM  
WASTING OUR LIVES**

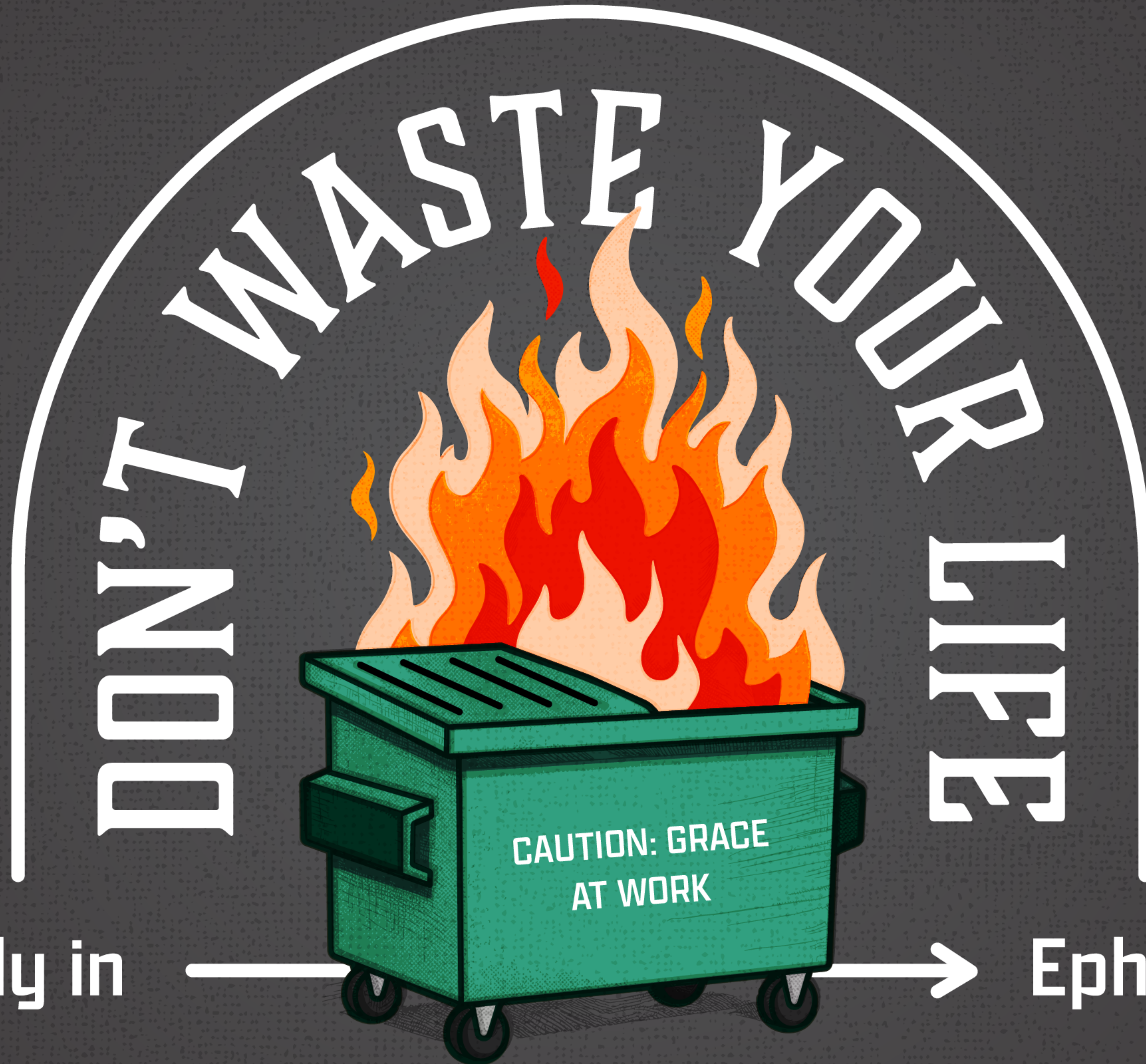
Ephesians 1:2

**A LIFE IS NOT WASTED**

Because it costs you  
something to follow Jesus

**A LIFE IS WASTED**

When spent on what cannot  
give grace and peace



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