

The Church Just Wants Your Money  
Think Eternal  
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**Key Thought:** The ultimate purpose of my life is to make a difference.

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **Command them** to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will **lay up treasure for themselves** as a firm foundation **for the coming age**, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**Colossians 3:1-2** Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** ...He has also set eternity in the human heart...

**Hebrews 9:27** ...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

**2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**Matthew 16:27** For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Eternity Principles:

✓ I'm just passing through.

**Philippians 3:17-20** For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, **many live as enemies of the cross of Christ**. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hebrews 11:14-16 (Message)** People who live this way make it plain that they are looking for their true home. If they were homesick for the old country, they could have gone back any time they wanted. But they were after a far better country than that—heaven country. You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them.

✓ My time on earth is short.

**Psalm 90:12** Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.

✓ I should make the most of every opportunity.

**Ephesians 5:15-16** Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

**1 Corinthians 3:13-14** But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.

3 practical ways to live your life:

1. Go through life looking up not around.

**Hebrews 11:25-26** He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because **he was looking ahead to his reward**.

2. Give up something now for something I want later.

**Matthew 6:19-21** Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

3. Be intentional with our generosity.

**2 Corinthians 9:7** Each of you should give what you have **decided** in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful** giver

3 intentional areas of generosity:

✓ My resources.

**Key Thought:** Become a priority, percentage, and progressive giver.

✓ My time.

✓ Sharing Christ with others.

**Walk Away:** I will never miss what I invest in eternity.

