

Maximized Living

Part 3

Joh 10:10 (TPT) A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow!

Last week we spoke about what a maximized life looks like and this week I need to provide you a list of things to remove from your life because they will wreck your maximization potential

Eph 5:16 (MKJV) redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

exagorazō to buy. To buy out of, redeem from

Interesting phrase (redeem the time) redeem is a mercantile word, a legal business transaction.

Our redemption is a legal business transaction

Luk 2:49 (MKJV) And He said to them, Why did you look for Me? Do you not know that I must be about My Father's **business**?

There was a debt that needed to be paid and Christ paid with His blood.

His blood was the proof of payment.

Eph 1:7 (NASB) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace

Eph 1:7 (NLT) He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

So Paul says to buy back your time.

Eph 5:16 (NLT) Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Eph 5:16 (CEV) These are evil times, so make every minute count.

To maximize our life we must maximize our time

The poor will spend time to save money

Now when I say poor I am referring to mindsets not dollars in the bank.

The poor will say it make take me five days but I will save 5 dollars.

*popcorn ceilings

*oil in car

Don't spend time to save money

Spend money to save time

The most precious commodity any of us has is time

Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep t, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back.

Eph 5:16 (AMPC) Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

A maximized life is a specialized life.

LIFE ISN'T A MATTER OF MILESTONES BUT OF MOMENTS.

Maximized moments morph into a Maximized life

Wasted moments morph into a wasted life.

Now lets focus on 5 things that can not be part of the Maximized Life.

These are the 5 things that kept the Israelites out of the promised land and they will keep us out the maximized life.

1Co 10:5-6 (TPT) Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their dead bodies were scattered around the wilderness. [6] Now, all these things serve as types and pictures for us—lessons that teach us not to fail in the same way by callously craving worthless things

1. Idolatry

What is idolatry? Extreme admiration, love or reverence for someone or something.

The kind of admiration that makes you a servant of the person or thing loved.

This is that thing or that person that competes with God for your affection.

You don't have to be bowing to a totem pole or statue to be an idolater - you simply need to have something or someone in your life that means as much or maybe even more to you than God.

Luk 14:26 (NLT) "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.

Whatever has your affection determines your direction - you gravitate towards that which has your focus.

If that is anything but God it will pull you off course and limit your maximized life.

2. Lust

to desire greatly. Strong desire, longing, lust.

Now of course the most obvious application of this danger is to sexual immorality.

Sexual immorality is a destroyer.

It damages faith, poisons the soul and can even kill the body

But sexual immorality is not the only application and perhaps not even the most frequent.

2Ti 2:22 (NASB) Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Youthful lusts can also be selfish ambition, undue focus upon one's self, stubbornness and arrogance

Youthful lust then as now can and certainly do refer to the ambition to have it all now.

Paul told his spiritual son to flee from on and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

If we desire the maximized life we must flee from something while pursuing others.

Jas 1:14 (NASB) But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

Lust will pull you away and get you running down a false path.

A path that does not lead to a maximized life.

3. Fornication

Lewd crude and offensive in a sexual manner, sexual relations between unmarried peoples.

porneúō; Porn is everywhere. Its invasive.

Its been introduced into our elementary school libraries.

television programs, magazines, books and video games.

***EYES HAVE BEHOLD TOO MUCH EVIL**

This introduction of fornication, lewdness, pornography is by design and its intent is clear to separate our culture from its Judao/Chritisan roots and separate a people from the God of the Bible.

It has the potential to so dull us to the pure things that soon nothing pure can be seen.

Psa 119:9 (NASB) How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

4. Tempting Christ

refusing to believe Him or His Word until He has manifested His power

1Co 10:9 (NASB) Nor are we to put the Lord to the test, as some of them did, and were killed by the snakes.

1Co 10:9 (AMPC) We should not tempt the Lord [try His patience, become a trial to Him, critically appraise Him, and exploit His goodness] as some of them did--and were killed by poisonous serpents; [Num 21:5-6]

*** BISHOP TONY MILLER WAS SITTING IN A SEAT NEXT TO AN AGING BOB LEMON.**

Knowing what Christ wants but refusing to obey until the Lord performs whatever task you ask, or jumps through whatever loop you hold up - that is tempting Christ and it will stop your life from taking on the dimension of fullness promised you in John 10:10

Quick obedience!

5. Murmuring (O No!)

γογγύζω goggúzō; fut. goggúsō. murmuring or muttering in a low and indistinct voice with the idea of complaint. To murmur, mutter, used in an absolute sense

This is the most common because it seems to be the least harmful.

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In this particular setting God, through Moses had dealt with Korah and company, who themselves were murmurers. So the people murmured about the way God had dealt with murmurers.

Paul knows that the Corinthians are murmuring about him in the same way so he warns them against this practice.

1Co 10:11-12 (TPT) All the tests they endured on their way through the wilderness are a symbolic picture, an example that provides us with a warning so that we can learn through what they experienced. For we live in a time when the purpose of all the ages past is now completing its goal within us. [12] So beware if you think

it could never happen to you, lest your pride becomes your downfall.

So here is the deal. To live the Maximized life we need to remove and replace. Flee and pursue.

Remove those habits, activities things that rob us of our potential our time and even our money

Replace them with Purpose filled, Kingdom sized wholesome things.

Flee from certain friends, places and activities and pursue new friends, new places and new activities.

The Maximized life is promised for every child born of God - lets go and get it!