

Life Is Too Short To... (Part 2)

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I. Five Things Life Is Too Short For

1. Life Is Too Short To Not Think Clearly

2. Life Is Too Short To Hold A Grudge

1 Peter 4:9-11 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

3. Life Is Too Short To Be Selfish

1 Peter 4:9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

A. Hospitality is a criteria of spiritual leadership.

Titus 1:7-8 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

- Hospitality is more than just hosting a good party.
- Hospitality is a mindset of generous concern for others.

B. We are to care for the vulnerable.

Matthew 25:34-40 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a

stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

- Practical hospitality has spiritual ramifications.

Hebrews 13:1-2 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

C. We are to love one another.

Romans 12:13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Galatians 6:9-10 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

- The children of God are the family of God.

D. We are to quit the grumbling.

- There is a cost to selfless living.

James 5:8-9 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

Philippians 2:14-16 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

- Some people are grumblers. Don't be one.

4. Life Is Too Short To Waste Your Gifts

1 Peter 4:10-11 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides,

A. Every person has a gift from God.

1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

- A spiritual gift is a talent or ability empowered by the Holy Spirit to be used for God's glory.
- Every person is a gift from God.
- God has a purpose for your life.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

B. You have a gift to use for others.

- *You have a gift to steward from God.*

1. Your gift may be the words you say.

- You speak with God's words and not your own.

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2. Your gift may be the works you do.

- You serve with God's strength and not your own.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

C. Stop talking yourself out of using your gift and taking yourself out of the game.

5. Life Is Too Short To Miss The Point

1 Peter 4:11 so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

- *The point of life is to give praise to God.*

A. God is to receive all of the glory in our lives.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 7:15-18 The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?” Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

B. God is to have all power in our lives.

1 Peter 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

- *When I live for myself, I miss the point of living.*