

## Eternity

### Week #2: How Do I Build For Eternity

#### 1. Value \_\_\_\_\_

a) Watch \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 12:15** *Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.*

b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 12:33-34** *Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

a. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Timothy 6:18** *Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share...*

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 13:3** *If I gave everything I have to the poor... I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.*

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 6:38** *Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*

#### 2. Value \_\_\_\_\_

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 20:28** *...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

a) Develop \_\_\_\_\_

b) Watch for your area \_\_\_\_\_

c) Remember \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 25:40** *And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'*

A holy discontent is something that creates a “righteous anger” inside you. It’s a burning inside that spurs us to action. It could be any issue: homelessness, starvation, education, injustice, sex-slave industry, etc.

**Clue #1:** Your holy discontent most likely will come from the place where you hurt the most or where you were hurt the most.

**Clue #2:** Your holy discontent will have nothing to do with you. It will have everything to do with serving others.

**Clue #3:** It only takes what you already have to make a difference.

#### Examples of Holy Discontent

Drunk Driving

Animal abuse

Rehabilitating prisoners

Rallying resources for widow and orphan care

Caring for single parents

Comforting grief-stricken people

Breaking addictions

Helping people who are spiritually far from God

Working to solve extreme poverty or HIV/AIDS

Serving the needs of the under resourced in your community

Helping people discover and use their spiritual gifts

Caring for the sick and dying

Caring for the elderly

Spousal abuse or child abuse

Child trafficking

Homelessness

Bullying

**Luke 6:24** *But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.*

**Matthew 23:11** *The greatest among you must be a servant.*

**Matthew 25:21**

“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

**Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Luke 17:10**

In the same way, when you obey me you should say, ‘We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.’”

**Matthew 10:42**

And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters,<sup>u</sup> you were doing it to me!’

**1 Chronicles 29:14** *But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*

My Life On Earth is all about Preparing For Eternity

**Matthew 6:19-21** *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

**2 Corinthians 5:1** *For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.*

**Proverbs 23:5** *Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.*

Key: Why does God allow me to have more than I need?

**Deuteronomy 8:18** *But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...*

**A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stamp; a God shaped life is a floursnghin tree – Proverbs 11:28**

**Luke 12:20** *“But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’*

**Hosea 13:6** *When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.*

**Luke 8:14** *The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.*

**I 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.”

**I Timothy 6:10** *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

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*life and had nothing to show for it in the next. He was rich in this world but poor toward God because everything that came his way was used for his private consumption.” Andy Stanley*

**Job 8:9** *For we were born but yesterday...Our days on earth are as transient as a shadow.*

a) Remember nothing here is permanent

**1 Corinthians 7:31** *Those in frequent contact with the things of the world should make good use of them without becoming attached to them, for this world and all it contains will pass away.*

b) Remember what's coming

**Hebrews 13:14** *For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.*

## **2. Make choices in light of eternity**

**1 John 3:3** *And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.*

**Key: What do you want Father?**

**John 6:38** *For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.*

**Key: What is your will Father?**

## **3. Develop triggers to keep eternity in your mind**

**Colossians 3:1-3** *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

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*himself and not by human hands. So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him.*

**Colossians 1:16** *For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.*

**God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another” (1 Peter 4:10 NLT).**

**Psalm 39:4** *Lord, remind me of how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away.*

**Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by His power and everything is for His glory. Romans 11:36**

**Proverbs 16:4** *The LORD has made everything for his own purposes.*

The world and all that is in it belongs to the Lord; the earth and all who live in it are His.

[2 Corinthians 4:18](#), “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (NIV). If we let this reality sink in, it will forever change the way we think and live.

...You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God. . . . In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him” ([2 Peter 3:11-14, NIV](#)).

1 Corinthians 15:19

" If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."

Romans 8:17-18

" Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

Matthew 5:10-12

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. "

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"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

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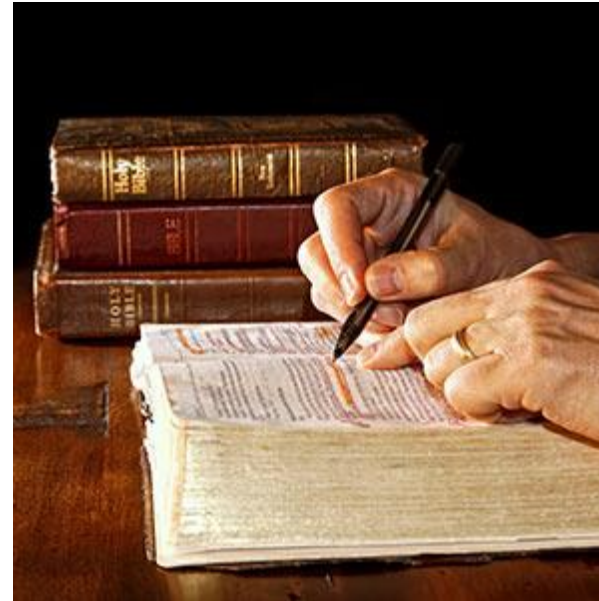
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"Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and

perform many miracles?" Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"



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Galatians 5:19-21

"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. "

Revelation 21 : 8,27

"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

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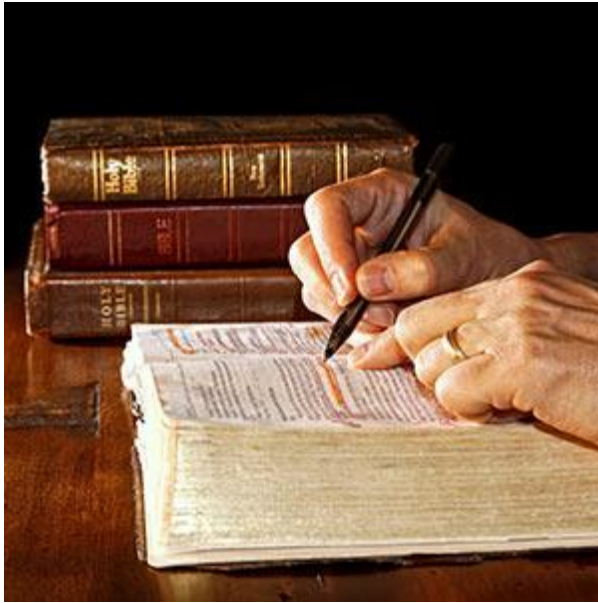
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1 Peter 2:11 "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul."

Philippians 3:7 I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.

Job 8:9 For we were born but yesterday. ... Our days on earth are as transient as a shadow.

*Psalms 90:10 The years of our life are seventy or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.*

**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 God has planted eternity in our hearts.

**G – God** asks you, "What do you need from me right now?"

**P – Purpose**...You surrender to His will. "Father, your will be done."

**S – Serve**...You fulfill your purpose by serving. "Father, who do you want me to serve for you right now?"

"The most damaging aspect of contemporary living is short-term thinking. God calls us to keep the vision of eternity continually in front of our people." Rick Warren

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither.  
**C. S. Lewis**

1 Peter 1:24-25

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### New Living Translation

As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. But the word of the Lord remains forever."

2 Peter 3 But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>11</sup>Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, <sup>12</sup>looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. <sup>13</sup>But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

<sup>14</sup>And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.

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