

I Quit...Searching For meaning In Meaningless Things How To Make The Best Decisions In Light Of Eternity

1. I must focus on eternity

Philippians 3:20 – *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2. Surrender daily to live in His Kingdom now

John 14:6 *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

Mark 10:15 *Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.*

Colossians 2:6 *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him...*

3. _____ that impact eternity

a) Practice _____ to gain eternal treasure

Luke 12:19-21 *“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”*

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.*

2 Corinthians 8:5 *...they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us...*

b) _____ to gain His approval

Matthew 25:21 *His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

c) Help others _____

“The real moral of the story is this: those whose eagerness to store up material goods outpaces their willingness to give will suffer a complete and total loss when their time runs out. The landowner suffered a total reversal of fortune at death: He lost everything in this 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

“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...” — Matthew 6:20

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.*

2 Peter 3:11-14 *Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, 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. But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God’s righteousness. 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.*

Mark 10:29–30 *“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.”*

- **Surrender** – “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.”
- **Generosity** – “Freely you have received, freely give.”
- **Servanthood** – “The greatest among you will be your servant.”
- **Evangelism** – “Go and make disciples of all nations.”

Kingdom Drift Checklist

Signs you may have left Jesus' Kingdom and moved back into yours

Mindset: You're taking back control

- You're trying to control outcomes.
- You obsess over how things will turn out.
- You expect God to meet your expectations instead of trusting His guidance.
- You are resisting something God is prompting you to do.
- Your desire to appear successful or competent grows louder than your desire to obey.
- You're moving at a pace God never asked you to live at.
- You stop seeing God in the ordinary.

Inner Life: You're carrying burdens that aren't yours

- You feel a growing inner anxiety about situations you can't control.
- You feel pressure to perform, impress, or prove yourself.
- You feel rushed, but not led.
- You're easily discouraged or unusually angry over small things.
- You feel a low-grade irritation with people or problems.

Spiritual Connection: You've stopped abiding

- You stop listening for God's voice.
- You seldom sense God prompting you.
- You don't pray—or you only pray to get God to change things, not to connect with Him in relationship.
- You feel spiritually dry but keep pushing forward anyway.
- You begin living like an orphan, not a beloved child.

Want to Return to the Kingdom?

Dallas Willard: *"The Kingdom is never far. It's as close as your next breath."*

You can re-enter by:

- Surrendering the situation back to Jesus
- Slowing down enough to listen
- Asking: *"Jesus, what are you inviting me into here?"*
- Choosing trust over control

God, my Father and King,

I bring my whole self before You now in order to surrender to you.

SPIRIT/ HEART / WILL

I surrender my will to Yours. May Your desires become my desires. I let go of the illusion of control, and I say yes to Your rule in my life. Not my will, but Yours be done. I lay down my desire to control people, outcomes, and my image. Create in me a heart that ONLY wants what you want.

MIND (Thoughts + Feelings)

I surrender my mind to you: both my thoughts and my feelings. Help me bring every thought captive to you. Teach me how to think about what is true, noble, right, pure, & lovely. May my feelings not rule me, but be ruled by Your peace. Don't allow me to be driven by fear or pride. Help me see where I'm believing anything bad about you.

BODY

I offer my body to you. I surrender my desires and habits. Let me speak only what You would speak, go only where You would lead, and do only what love requires.

SOCIAL CONTEXT

I surrender my place in the lives of others. I give up my desire to be admired, included, or validated. Free me from any need to impress or control others. Instead, let me be a blessing today in every interaction. Use me to serve, encourage, and reconcile. Teach me to love without needing anything in return – Just like you do. Help me see each person as You do — full of value, beauty, and eternal significance.

SOUL (Whole Life Integration)

I surrender my soul to you. Restore my soul today. Help me respond to every problem by turning to you for grace (your power changing what I cannot change). Show me if I am holding anything back from you. I want to live in your Kingdom today. I surrender all of me.