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31 PRINCIPLES FOR
ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE

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TALENT

TIME

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*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moths and vermin destroy,
and where thieves break in and steal.
But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where moths and vermin do not destroy,
and where thieves do not break in and steal.
For where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also.”*

(Matthew 6:19-21)

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Introduction

Each of us has resources of time, talent, and treasure. These resources are being consumed daily. The question is, by what? Are we consuming our resources for the sake of temporary pursuits, or toward things that are eternal?

You probably want to use your resources wisely, so your life will count for something everlasting. But was created with you in mind.

KingdomNomics concerns itself with knowing last forever.

The author, Phil Wiegand, has discovered the that worldly wealth comes and goes, but when we act on the kingdom principles revealed to us in God's Word, we can become rich in the world to come by making the right investments in this one.

KingdomNomics requires that we keep our eyes focused on God and his priorities. It is important that our decisions in the use of our resources.

For the first 30 years of Phil's life, he had no conception of these principles. He lived his life for the temporal. One day, all that changed. He heard a message by Dr. Billy Graham and examined his life in light of eternity. What he found was that as he pursued the things of this world, a deep thirst inside of him was never quenched. No business deal, no possession, no endeavor was enough. When he committed his life to Christ, he received a new desire. He wanted to use all of his earthly resources to glorify God.

These devotions will help you reflect upon your use of the time, talent, and treasure God has entrusted to you. How has God planned for your life on earth to impact eternity? The results of the decisions you make today will echo into eternity. Will you be consumed by the temporary and ultimately unsatisfying things of this world, or with the passion of living for Christ and using all you have to glorify him?

DAY 1

Give Your Heart to God

“My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes delight in my ways.” (Proverbs 23:26)

As we consider a life guided by the principles of *KingdomNomics*, we must begin by making sure that we have truly given our hearts to God. Once God has your heart, he is able to guide and direct you in every area of your life.

There are many examples in the Bible of God working through individuals who surrendered their hearts to him. David had a heart that was after God, and God used him in a mighty way. Zacchaeus had a burning desire to see Jesus, and he responded immediately when Jesus called him. Caleb showed faith in the power of God in the face of what looked like insurmountable odds. He followed God wholeheartedly and, unlike most of the others who died in the wilderness because of their disobedience, was allowed to enter the Promised Land. Samuel listened to and obeyed the Lord and as a result was used by God as a prophet and judge to the people of Israel. When God approached Gideon, who was the least in his father’s household, God recognized a heart that would respond and be obedient to him. Daniel’s heart was so committed to God that God felt free to reveal secrets to him.

Each of these individuals had a heart fully devoted to God, and all these people are role models for us today. Their significance in the Bible narrative begins with their *relationship* with God. Likewise, our significance begins with *our relationship* with God. When God has your heart, he has everything that relates to you and your life. All of our giving springs out of the genuine relationship that we have with our heavenly Father. As we develop and deepen that relationship, God will work in us and through us.

Heart Deposit: Have you given your heart fully to God? Ask him to be first in your life.

***KingdomNomics* begins
with a relationship with God.**

Related Verses:

“After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do’” (Acts 13:22)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30)

DAY 2

Seek God Diligently

“For he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6, NKJV)

This verse tells us that God responds to those who seek him. In fact, it says that God rewards those who “diligently seek him.” We show an attitude of diligence by avidly spending time in his Word. It is virtually impossible to know God’s will, his mind, his worldview, and his plan for our lives without studying his Word and spending time with him in prayer.

When we really study the Bible, we find that it is alive and powerful, and that it effectively works in those who receive it as the living Word of God and not simply as the written words of men. We find God’s power evident in many places where he promises to work on behalf of those whose hearts are loyal to him. That is another way of saying that he will reward those who diligently seek him.

God tells us that he is pleased when we pursue him. And he also promises that when we pursue him, he will reward us. When we spend time in God’s Word, we find that he meets us there and shows us his peace, his presence, his direction and his goodness in our current situation. And each time we choose to spend time with God we find that our relationship with is strengthened.

Heart Deposit: In what ways are you diligently seeking God? Do you regularly spend time in the Bible? Honestly, how much time are you taking each day or week to allow the power of the God’s Word to transform your mind, your will, your emotions, and your attitudes? If necessary, what step(s) can you take in order to spend more consistent time in the Bible?

***KingdomNomics is
about pursuing God.***

Related Verses:

“God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.” (Psalm 53:2)

“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” (Luke 12:31)

“But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 4:29)

DAY 3

Know God and His Ways

“Teach me your ways so that I may know you and continue to find favor with you.”
(Exodus 33:13)

Make knowing God a top priority in life! Moses yearned to know God and to know his ways. In turn, God revealed himself to Moses. Moses found that through this process, he experienced God’s presence and his favor. Later, Moses was called to lead God’s people out of Egypt. He knew that the Israelites would die in the wilderness without God’s favor, so Moses made it a priority to teach the people God’s ways. As they lived for God, they too experienced his presence and favor. It was this very presence of God and his favor that set the Israelites apart from others.

Things happen when God has priority in our lives. His favor opens doors, changes circumstances, causes blessing, gives protection, provides counsel, overcomes barriers, and gives strength, fortitude, and hope. He is what we need in order to navigate successfully through this world. As we learn to trust him, especially in our weaknesses, his power and strength become fully active in us.

Do you see the evidence of God’s favor and blessing in your life? Have you made it a priority to know God and his ways? He promises to show his friendship to those who fear and honor him, and to show them the blessings that come as a result of a relationship with him.

It is important for us to study the biblical accounts of the lives of those who came before us. From them we learn what to do and what not to do. When we spend time with God in his Word, we make ourselves candidates for him to show us his ways and to direct us to his purposes.

Heart Deposit: Is knowing God the first priority in your life? What else is clamoring for your attention? Are you experiencing God’s favor? Are there changes you need to make in your life in order to experience more of God?

***KingdomNomics* is
yearning for God.**

Related Verses:

“Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them alone he shares the secrets of his promises.” (Psalm 25:14, TLB)

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.” (Psalm 42:1)

DAY 4

Focus on Jesus

“He must become greater, I must become less” (John 3:30)

God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to pay the debt for our sin and reconcile us to him. Because of our relationship with God through Jesus, it is a new day when we fully embrace the fact that this life is not all about us, but about Jesus Christ! Once we make this discovery and realize that our story is part of a much bigger story, his story, our worldview and the view we have of ourselves radically changes. We begin to learn to live not for ourselves, but for the One who loves us and died for us. We begin to live for *his* purposes. As we mature, we find that his purposes for us actually become our purposes.

One of the measuring sticks we can use to evaluate whether Christ’s purposes have become our purposes is this question: “What is consuming my life?” Are you only concerned about matters regarding this temporary world, or do you have an eternal perspective? I like to think of my life as consisting of “three Ts”: time, talent, and treasure. How I use the “three Ts” is a good indicator of what is important to me.

John the Baptist said, “He [Jesus] must become greater.” As we grow in Jesus, he becomes more and more important in our thinking and his agenda becomes the guiding force in our lives. As he becomes greater, the choices we make regarding our time, talent, and treasure will be dictated by his desires.

When we soak our hearts in the Word of God, we absorb those words as if we were a sponge being filled with living water. The Word of God begins to transform our thinking and we increasingly delight ourselves in the Lord rather than in the things of this world. It is through this process that Jesus becomes stronger in our lives and self becomes weaker.

Heart Deposit: Are the things that are important to Jesus becoming increasingly important to you? Make a list of the 10 most important things to you right now. In what ways is Jesus influencing your list?

***KingdomNomics* is
having our lives transformed
by Jesus Christ.**

Related Verses:

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.” (Mark 8:35)

“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:3)

DAY 5

Discover God's Purpose for You

“For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

As we spend time in the Word of God, we begin to learn that we have been made for a specific purpose. Each of us is a work of God! The Bible tells us that God is the potter and we are the clay (Isaiah 64:8), that we are engraved on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16), and that he has fashioned us individually (Psalm 33:15, NKJV).

A hammer is made for pounding nails, a saw for cutting wood, and a screwdriver for tightening screws. It would be silly to try to saw with a hammer, or tighten a screw with a saw. In the same way we have been created in Christ Jesus for individually unique purposes. We need to be zealous in discovering the good works God has planned for us. We need to find out specifically what God wants us to do. And we need to do the work with the talent God has instilled within us.

I have found people are most fulfilled when they allow God's Spirit to carry out the work God has designed. It is imperative that we individually discern what kind of tool we are and what work God has waiting for us to accomplish as we cooperate with him. Most importantly, we must be available to God for him to accomplish his work through us.

Heart Deposit: In what ways are you fulfilling the good works for which God created you? If this is a new concept for you, or if you haven't yet discovered what God has for you to do, what steps can you take to find out how you can best be available to serve God?

***KingdomNomics embraces
God's plan.***

Related Verses:

*“Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’”
(John 6:29)*

“In him we are also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.” (Ephesians 1:11)

DAY 6

Renew Your Mind

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)

If we expect to see God operating in our lives, we must decide which audience—God or self—we are trying to please. The world seeks to gain our attention and allegiance by directing our steps away from God. In order to please God, we need to separate from the world through the transformation of our ideas and thoughts. To be transformed by the power of his Word will enable us to break away from the crowd.

This means we must experience a change in how we think and act, how we perceive the world around us, and how we spend our time. The goals we pursue must be in line with God’s will. If we truly desire to please God, we must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This can only come about when we allow God’s Word to penetrate our innermost being.

We constantly and consistently must evaluate our motives and goals to make sure our objective is to please God, not self. The old way of living and doing things has passed. It is no longer us who live, but Christ who lives in us. God has created us, in Christ Jesus, to do new works that he has planned for us!

Heart Deposit: In what ways are you trying to please God? In what ways are you trapped by trying to please yourself? Ask God to give you new desires and direction in order to pursue the things that he desires for you!

***KingdomNomics* focuses
on God’s will.**

Related Verses:

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”
(Ephesians 4:22-24)

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”
(2 Corinthians 3:18)

DAY 7

Desire God's Word

"Like newborn babes, crave pure spiritual milk, so that you may grow up in your salvation." (1 Peter 2:2)

When we are hungry, our bodies crave physical food. So also each of us has a spirit that craves to be fed and nourished with spiritual food. Jesus said that the words he spoke to us would nourish us. His words are spirit and life! In order to grow spiritually, we need to soak our hearts in those words as we desire the "pure spiritual milk" of the Word of God. Jesus also said that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled, and that we should labor for the food that leads to eternal benefits.

We know that a baby has to *drink* the milk if it is going to be useful in helping the child grow. Likewise, a Bible on the shelf does us little good unless we move its contents, first into our heads, and then into our hearts.

If you want to grow in your Christian life, you must develop a strong desire to spend time in the Word of God, as well as the discipline to do it. As you spend time with God in his Word, seeking him and implementing his instructions into your life, you will find that your ideas of how to use your time, talent, and treasure will be moved into directions of significance.

Heart Deposit: Ask God to give you a *desire* to spend time in his Word every day. Keep a record of what you are learning and how you see God directing you.

***KingdomNomics* is
Scripture driven.**

Related Verses:

"I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word." (Psalm 119:16)

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17)

DAY 8

Soak in God's Word

"When your words came, I ate them,; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty." (Jeremiah 15:16)

Paul tells us that Christ lives in us. The power of God is actually in us! It strengthens us for living his way. As we allow the Holy Spirit to control our minds, God's power flows into our bodies and transforms us from "getters" into "givers."

In order for the Holy Spirit to control us, we need to soak our minds in the Word of God. There is no substitute for this, no shortcut. We need to immerse ourselves in the Word of God until it is engraved on our hearts. We are told in our verse for today that Jeremiah "ate" God's Word. That means he digested it! He meditated on it, assimilated it into his innermost being, and delighted in its taste.

The Spirit's *control* is a result of delighting in God's Word and allowing its richness and power to sink into our very being. God's Word can fill us with power and enlightenment, giving us a taste of heaven.

Soak your heart in God's Word every day and you *will* experience the truth of Christ, the power of God, and understanding that will help you know what that means for you in your everyday life.

Heart Deposit: In what ways are you discovering the delight of God's Word? In what ways are you focusing your mind on God's truth? As you soak your heart in God's Word, what truth is God impressing upon your heart about your everyday decisions?

***KingdomNomics* delights
in the Word of God.**

Related Verses:

"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. I have more insight than all my teachers for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts: therefore I hate every wrong path." (Psalm 119:97-104)

DAY 9

Sow to the Spirit

“My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.” (Psalm 45:1)

If we desire to reap eternal benefits and experience a full life from the Spirit in our mortal bodies, we must “sow” to the Spirit in our mortal bodies, we must “sow” to the Spirit. We do that by focusing our attention on Christ and by reciting his words back to him, for he is our King. The author of this verse had dipped his mind into the depths of Scripture and he “recited” his verses before the king, reciting means he had committed them to memory.

Jesus refers to the Word of God as being seed. When we “recite our verses” to our King, we are sowing that seed in the field of our soul and our spirit. As we practice this sowing to the Spirit, he causes the seed of God’s Word to be implanted in our hearts, and then to gestate and grow. This wonderful process brings us new life, enlightenment, strength, wisdom, and peace, all of which will impact our lives in a mighty way. I’ve enjoyed this dynamic experience countless times. We come to the Word of God anxious, and he gives us peace. We come with anger toward someone, and he gives us love and patience. We come dry, and he fills us to bursting with the refreshment of his goodness. It’s a daily renewal.

Sowing to the Spirit is the best antidote or cure for depression, anxiety, and worry. One of the works of the Word of God is to act as a cleanser. It can rid our bodies of toxins and replace them with the life and peace of God. The mind and heart saturated with the Word of God becomes “armored” against the wiles of Satan. God’s Word strengthens us and empowers us to fulfill the purposes that he has chosen to perform through us.

Heart Deposit: Set aside time every day to soak your heart and mind in the Word of God. As you do, sow to the Spirit by reciting the words you are meditating on back to your King.

***KingdomNomics takes possession
of Bible truths
through memorization.***

Related Verses:

“Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.” (Psalm 119:111)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

DAY 10

Flow with the Spirit

“Whoever sows to please their flesh from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:8)

As we look to God for direction, it is critical that we soak our hearts and minds in the Word of God. Out of that discipline comes a sowing to the Spirit. When we consistently practice soaking and sowing, the result will be a *flowing* of the Spirit in and through our lives. In Romans 8:11, it is made clear that the Spirit of Christ imparts his life to our mortal bodies.

As we sow to the Spirit, we reap eternal benefits from the Spirit. In response to this I say, “Flow, Spirit, flow!” I want my heart and my life to overflow with his presence and power so I can be a more effective instrument for him in this world! This is one of the primary ways that kingdom attitudes begin to grow within us. Crisis by crisis, worry by worry, relationship by relationship, the Spirit of God, speaking to us through his Word and his personal guidance, transforms us into the people he has always intended for us to be.

A genuine “spiritual reaction” takes place when we soak our hearts and minds in the Scriptures and let the Spirit flow freely through us. Life, health, power, and hope surge through us like medicine from heaven itself. The life-giving power of God flows through those who pray.

So we soak in the Word, we sow—reciting our verses—and the Spirit *flows*. Soon, we’ll need to repeat this process. Our hearts and minds are like a sponge—they need to be filled over and over, and we can’t let them become dry and brittle. It’s an ongoing process. And the more we soak, sow, and flow, the more we will find that our attitudes are changing in a remarkable way.

Heart Deposit: Consistently practice soaking, sowing and flowing. As this discipline becomes a part of your life, in what ways do you see your worldview, behavior, and witness in this world changing? Record, in some way, what you are learning and the ways you see God working in you and through you.

***KingdomNomics* is fueled
by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Related Verses:

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.” (Psalm 143:10)

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16)

DAY 11

Respond to the Spirit's Promptings

"The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth."
(John 16:13, CEV)

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)

After we ask Jesus Christ to come into our lives, it is not long before we realize that we cannot live for him in our own strength. The flesh is weak. We need to be enlightened and empowered by God's Holy Spirit, which he gives to us at the time of our conversion—a conversion from a life of sin to a life with Jesus Christ.

From that moment, God works continually inside of us to work out his will for our lives and to engage us in his plans for the world. Jesus tells us we can do if we want Christ to do his work through us, it must be done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we practice setting our minds on what the Spirit desires, soaking our hearts in the Word of God, and sowing to the Spirit, we reap eternal benefits as he imparts his life into our mortal bodies. His life will sweep away the tendencies to be anxious, depressed, or fearful. We will find ourselves prompted to go in a certain direction, to make a certain decision, to respond to a certain individual.

It works the same as with any form of nutrition: We must eat daily, but eating the right foods begins to bring a residual health. We become stronger and healthier. As we feed on the Word of God, we also become stronger and healthier spiritually, and the Spirit's influence in our lives becomes greater. The result is a greater dependence on the Holy Spirit for strength and direction.

Heart Deposit: Ask God to give you a willing heart and mind to put into action what you are prompted to do by his Holy Spirit.

***KingdomNomics* depends
on the Holy Spirit's guidance.**

Related Verses:

"He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit." (Romans 8:4, NLT)

"Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'" (Galatians 4:6)

"'My food' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.'"
(John 4:34)

DAY 12

Ask God for Insight and Wisdom

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

This passage is impossible to read without wanting it to be true! For me, this passage is a “button pusher.” It indicates that God wants to be an integral part of our lives.

Not only does God reveal his will to us by his Spirit, but he also shows us other great and mighty things. These can include his counsel, guidance, blessing, or opportunities in our professions or for ministry. Nothing is beyond the sovereignty of the Creator of heaven and earth!

Job—when he acknowledged the awesome acts of the God as the One who hangs the earth on nothing, who stirs up the sea in all of its power, and by his Spirit adorns the heavens—said that we have indeed only seen the mere edges of God’s ways! This is also true of our relationship with the almighty God. We have so much more to see and experience in the days ahead as we continue to learn more about him. As we cultivate our relationship with God, he will consume our attention and influence every aspect of our time, talent, and treasure. God desires that we be *consumed* by our relationship with him and his Word. As a result, building treasure in heaven will become a by-product of our passion for him.

Think about your giving. Do you ask God to direct your giving? God loves the cheerful giver. You need to be giving your time, talent, and treasure with an “I want to give” attitude! Ask God to give you a joyful spirit in your giving and see what happens!

Heart Deposit: How often do you “call” to God? What do you think might happen if you started to rely on him for direction? Do you really want this kind of relationship with God? Figure out what small step you might take to grow closer to God.

***KingdomNomics* relies
on God for direction.**

Related Verses:

“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” (Psalm 25:5)

“I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course.” (Jeremiah 10:23, NLT)

DAY 13

Follow God's Revealed Will

“The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.” (1 Samuel 3:19)

God works in the lives of those who are growing in him and doing what he has guided them to do. God used Samuel in a mighty way because Samuel sought to accomplish God's will among the people. God also used David because David was a man after God's own heart. There are countless examples in the Bible of people who did what God told them to do, and their work was blessed in a unique way.

If we desire to grow in the Lord, and if we want to be effective in our Christian walk, we must be willing to act upon the revealed will of God. When God knows that we will follow his direction, we become fit to be used by him and are prepared for every good work that he has for us to do.

The Bible is filled with stories of men and women who carefully followed God's Word. It is important that we regularly spend time in God's Word, soaking our hearts in it, sowing to the Spirit by reciting our verses to him, and *soaking* with the Spirit so that what we do today will echo into eternity.

Heart Deposit: Ask yourself: Am I a person God can reveal his will to, knowing that I will perform it? Am I a person who consistently practices spiritual concepts by immersing myself in God's Word? Is Christ increasing in my life and am I decreasing? Am I being consumed more and more by the eternal rather than the temporal?

***KingdomNomics* requires
we faithfully do what God tells us to do.**

Related Verses:

“For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.” (Romans 2:13)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.” (Psalm 111:10, NASB)

DAY 14

Anticipate God's Involvement

"Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways." (Isaiah 64:4–5)

In these verses, we see an example of the *soak, sow, and flow* principle. Isaiah reaped from the Spirit a response in direct correlation to his relationship with God. This gives us insight into how God moves and works in the life of the believer whose heart hungers and thirsts for his presence! When we spend time with God, we will experience the power that flows from the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to perform the activities God has planned for us!

It is the Holy Spirit who reveals what God wants us to do. It is the Holy Spirit who opens the doors of opportunity that enable us to accomplish the works God has set for us to do. It is the Holy Spirit who makes us into instruments God can use. It is the Holy Spirit who engineers the circumstances that allow us to respond to God's will. We have nothing except what we have received from him.

How exciting it is that God, our Creator, is active in our lives and circumstances through the work of the Holy Spirit! It is both wonderful and encouraging to know that God has plans for us, and that he will fulfill those plans through us.

Heart Deposit: Are you anticipating God's involvement in the details of your life? Think back over the past week. Where was God actively involved? At what times did you acknowledge his presence? In what ways can you be more sensitive to his direction and leading?

***KingdomNomics* expects God
to act in our circumstances.**

Related Verses:

"In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice: in the morning I lay my request before you and wait expectantly." (Psalm 5:3)

"The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; your loving kindness, O LORD, is everlasting; do not forsake the works of Your hands." (Psalm 138:8, NASB)

DAY 15

Love Others

“For Christ’s love compels us.” (2 Corinthians 5:14)

When we study the life of Paul, there is no question about what compelled him to live as he did. It was the love of Christ! Christ’s love provided a vision that enabled Paul to endure myriad obstacles and difficulties as he sought to accomplish the mission God gave him. And it was the eternal aspect of life that provided the primary motivation in Paul’s life. He said that he fixed his eyes on the unseen, eternal things rather than the seen, temporary matters of this world.

Something is making you do the things you have chosen to do. Have you figured out what the driving force in your life is? Are you concerned with the temporary, or have you turned your attention to the eternal? We need to ask God to free us from the prison of ourselves, so we can be good ambassadors for Christ. An ambassador is the representative of a foreign kingdom or state who seeks to communicate the interests of that kingdom or state to others. In this case we are communicating the gospel of heaven, so others may have the opportunity to gain entrance to it and have eternal life.

We do not want to be one of those who has received the grace of God in vain. We want to be involved in God’s work in response to all he has done for us! We can do that by being engaged and mobilized for the purpose of helping to fulfill the Great Commission.

God has made it possible for us to be partakers of his divine nature! Christ frees us from ourselves so we can be effective in our service toward others. This is going to be an important part of our story when we stand before him to give an account of what we did with our time, talent, and treasure.

Heart Deposit: In what ways is God using you to make an impact in his world? What opportunities are currently available to you? Are you willing to be available to God as Isaiah was? *“Here am I. Send me!”* (Isaiah 6:8)

***KingdomNomics is propelled
by Christ’s love.***

Related Verses:

“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love you neighbor as yourself.’” (Galatians 5:14)

“But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” (1 Timothy 1:5, NASB)

DAY 16

Shine for Jesus

“Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” (Ephesians 5:14)

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

When we are consumed by the Word of God, Jesus Christ shines upon us and through us. Focusing on Jesus gives clarity and meaning to our lives. For this reason, we must get to know him better every day. He is the one who gives direction on how best to use our time, talent, and treasure in his world. He is the one who gives our lives lasting purpose.

Great things happen when God’s favor shines on us. If we believe in God, and that he rewards those who diligently seek him, then we will spend time in his Word, listening to his voice. This allows us to become partakers in the service of Jesus Christ! And as we serve, his light shines on and through us.

We have the opportunity to become radiant Christians. Jesus is waiting to shine forth in us! And when that happens, our hearts will swell with joy as we see the hand of God at work in our lives and our circumstances. Are you consumed with having your life hidden in Jesus? Are you consumed with a passion to know him better? When we get to the point that nothing matters more than him, our lives gain sharp focus. Jesus Christ’s light shines through us in amazing ways.

Heart Deposit: How do you see the light of Jesus Christ shining on you? On others? Through you? Through others? How is the Holy Spirit working in your life to help you experience Christ in a significant way?

***KingdomNomics* enables others
to see Christ shining through us.**

Related Verses:

*“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.”
(2 Corinthians 4:6)*

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.” (Matthew 5:14-15)

DAY 17

Embrace Your Citizenship

“For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.”
(Hebrews 13:14)

“For our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 3:20)

If you feel unsettled at times and wonder where you fit into this world, this may be God’s way of telling you not to become too comfortable down here. This unsettledness comes because we know that this world, in its present form, is passing away! We also know that those who do the will of God will live forever. The brevity of this life sends us a message: *Don’t fall in love with this world because we are just passing through.*

I love the fact that our citizenship is in heaven! Our hearts should be set on pilgrimage. We are strangers in an alien world. We do not have an enduring city. The more we see of this dysfunctional world, the more we need to seek the world to come. Our citizenship may be in heaven, but in the meantime, we are ambassadors for Christ by reaching out to a lost and dying world.

In his Word, God has revealed to us what is happening in this world. The whole earth is under the sway of the evil one, and the prince of the power of the air is at work in the sons of disobedience worldwide. The Bible also tells us that our weapons of warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God to tear down strongholds that exalt themselves. Our warfare is against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this present age, and rulers of wickedness in the heavenly spheres. We are engaged in warfare! In the meantime, we are eagerly waiting for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is coming again, and according to the Bible it is going to happen soon!

Heart Deposit: Are you looking forward to Jesus’ return? What kingdom business are you pursuing that shows you realize you are a citizen of heaven?

KingdomNomics is knowing
our real home is in heaven.

Related Verses:

“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 Corinthians 5:20)

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12)

DAY 18

Commit Your Way

“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.” (Psalm 37:5, ESV)

This is an incredible statement of fact and promise. When you get up in the morning, do you commit your day, your way, and even your life to the Lord? The Bible tells us this is the thing to do!

Let’s take hold of this promise and see it work out in our lives. This verse assures us that if we commit our endeavors to God, trusting in him by an act of faith, he will act. A sense of expectation for seeing the hand of God working in our lives will begin to permeate our days, bringing an excitement to all that we pursue.

When we experience times when God feels distant, it is on our side of the equation. The problem is not with God, but with us. We need to keep moving in his direction until our lives are brought into alignment with his will. Remember, we are a part of a much bigger story, his story.

Part of committing your way to God must involve daily studying God’s Word, in addition to soaking, sowing, and flowing with the Spirit of God. Start committing your way to him each day. Trust him to act in your circumstances.

Heart Deposit: How often do you conscientiously commit your day to God? How can you begin to put this principle into practice every day?

***KingdomNomics* realizes
it is God who makes things happen.**

Related Verses:

“Listen, my son, and be wise, commit yourself to live God’s way.” (Proverbs 23:19, ISV)

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” (Proverbs 16:3)

DAY 19

Submit Your Thought Life to the Spirit

“The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.”
(Romans 8:6, NIV84)

The battle for control of our lives is won or lost in our head. Whoever controls our mind ultimately controls us and our behavior. The Apostle John tells us that the whole world is under the sway of the evil one. Therefore, it is all-important that we make sure the Holy Spirit is in control of our thinking and attitudes.

Think for a moment of your mind as a compass needle. It can point in four main directions: CHRIST, being north; WORLD, being west; SELF, being south; and MAN, being east. We always want our needle pointing north! We must make a decision to keep moving in that direction. It will require discipline to focus on the “things above” and to keep our lives hidden in Christ. If we allow our compass to point to the WORLD, SELF, or MAN, we will get lost and fail to carry out the work God has for us.

We are told that the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. Paul said that he brought every thought into captive obedience to Christ. Peter told us to pay attention to the Word of God, letting it be a light in a dark world. He also told us to be sober-minded and to set our hope fully on the grace that is to be revealed to us by Jesus Christ.

Heart Deposit: By faith, have you asked the Holy Spirit to take control of your mind? Are you experiencing his life and peace? In what ways is your thought life helping you fulfill your God-given potential?

***KingdomNomics is having
a Spirit-controlled mind.***

Related Verses:

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”
(Isaiah 26:3, ESV)

DAY 20

Guard Your Heart

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” (Proverbs 4:23)

Truly, our behavior springs from our hearts! That is why it is critical that we daily spend time immersed in God’s Word. God’s Word will protect our hearts from being consumed with the things of this world. This is the only way we can obtain a perspective which properly balances temporal and eternal concerns in life. This perspective will impact what we do and do not do in this world. We must soak our hearts in the Word of God! And that takes time. I like to call it “heart time.”

The ways in which we invest in God’s kingdom are truly a reflection of heart time. It determines where we spend our time, talent, and treasure. The more time we spend in God’s Word, the more we realize that the matter of kingdom investing needs to have a high priority in our lives. Heart time influences our desires. Are our minds preoccupied with the desires of the Flesh or with the desires of the Holy Spirit?

Juggling the temporal and the eternal can be a tricky endeavor. Discernment is needed. Judgment calls must be made. It is a challenge, but it can be stimulating to see how we can transform time, talent, and treasure into the eternal when we originally were focused primarily on temporal objectives. When we focus on God’s goals, it is amazing to see how the Spirit of God molds us to be conformed to God’s purposes rather than our own.

Heart Deposit: What is flowing out of your heart? Are you thinking about the ways your life can have an eternal impact on the lives of other people? How often do these issues occupy your thoughts? What criteria are you using to make decisions about how to use your time, talent, and treasure? In what ways are you guarding your heart?

***KingdomNomics* cultivates
a heart protected by God’s Holy Spirit.**

Related Verses:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

“My son, if your heart is wise, my own heart will greatly rejoice.” (Proverbs 23:15, ISV)

DAY 21

Beware of Greed

“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’” (Luke 12:15)

The giants of consumerism and greed can eat us alive. These giants can also keep us from investing in projects and endeavors that will produce eternal rewards. The influence that we have while we interact with one another is important, for each person will live eternally in either heaven or hell. This truth takes on much greater implication when we consider that, in the Word of God, we are told all our worldly endeavors will pass away. But the reward of being used by God to influence others to put their trust in him will last into eternity.

Jesus counsels us to be wise stewards of our time, talent, and treasure, which he has blessed us with. He also instructs us to use the unrighteous “mammon” of this world, or our worldly resources, to win friends for eternity.

God has given us all things to enjoy. He also wants us to be generous and willing to share, to do good to others and to be rich in good works in accordance with our means. God loves a cheerful giver!

One of the surest paths of seeing God work in your life is to become a cheerful giver. Paul says that God is able to make all grace abound to such a person. So instead of being a “getter,” allow God’s Spirit to begin transforming you into being a giver.

Heart Deposit: Take a moment to consider: Are you more fulfilled by the accumulation of stuff or by impacting someone for Christ? What impact are you seeking to make in this world that is immeasurable from a human point of view?

***KingdomNomics* uses
all of our resources to win people to Christ.**

Related Verses:

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, or homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, NASB)

“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.” (Luke 16:9)

“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.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

DAY 22

Depend on the Power of the Cross

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Understanding the power of the cross is instrumental in understanding the concepts of *KingdomNomics*. It is by the cross that we are crucified to the world and have new life in Jesus Christ. Paul boasted about the cross in his own life with regard to his relationship to the world and the passions of the flesh. He was dead to them by the power of the cross. The same can be said of us when we apply the power of the cross to our own lives. God’s power overcame Jesus’ death on the cross! And it is the power of the cross that gives us new hope and new perspective for living.

Through the power of the cross, we are able to overcome the giants of consumerism and greed. They relentlessly pursue us to keep us from giving to the work of God. It is the power of the cross that enables us to overcome these giants by the practice of giving our time, talent, and treasure to those endeavors that will advance God’s kingdom. It is the power of the cross that allows us to develop the practice of giving so that when the opportunity arises, our hearts will be open and ready.

The sinful nature is ever demanding us to think only of the temporal. By the power of the cross we can put to death these demands by focusing and feeding our minds on our eternal rewards. As we soak our minds on what the Spirit desires, his objectives and desires will grow in us. This growth will cause us to overcome what our flesh desires and enables us to fulfill the desires of the Spirit. By the power of the cross, we are able to become fully invested in God’s kingdom.

Heart Deposit: How have you seen the power of the cross working in your life? In what ways has the power of the cross influenced your giving? How can you begin to apply this principle to your life today?

***KingdomNomics* has confidence
in the strength of God.**

Related Verses:

“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.” (1 Corinthians 1:17)

“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Galatians 6:14)

DAY 23

Obey God in Giving

“All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deuteronomy 28:2)

“The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 28:8)

According to these passages, obedience to God results in blessing. It appears that blessing will chase us and even overtake us when we obey him. Since God’s principles are eternal, they never change. Passages like these are “button pushers” God uses as incentives for us. When I read these passages, they make me want to test them, to see if they will be operative in my own life. God wants us to try them in faith, believing that he will fulfill his promises in response to our obedience. Our giving is always an act of obedience. We respond to the Holy Spirit’s direction.

There is a world of opportunity for giving to the various interests of God. We live in a desperate and dying world, and we as believers are compelled to do something about it. There are as many ways to do this as there are people in the world. Part of the transformation process for believers is that we move from being self-centered to being God-centered. We must replace the consumption mentality that is so prevalent in our culture with a giving mentality.

Heart Deposit: Have you made the great discovery of the blessing of giving? What opportunities has God placed in front of you for giving? What blessing has come to you as you have responded to God’s direction?

***KingdomNomics* is
using all of our time, talent, and treasure
to glorify God.**

Related Verses:

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)

“Jesus answered, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’” (Matthew 19:21)

DAY 24

Give Cheerfully

“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.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

When giving is done with the right attitude, it can be a gateway for God to move in significant ways in our lives. It is important to remember that it is not the amount we give that matters so much as it is the attitude that characterizes our giving. God loves it when we give out of a cheerful and grateful heart.

God’s loving of a cheerful giver results in God taking action in our lives. Scripture states unequivocally that God will make all spiritual and earthly blessing abound to us so we can multiply our efforts for the kingdom. This is why I believe giving provides a major gateway for God to work in our lives, we can expect God to visit us. Jesus will fellowship with the cheerful giver, and the Holy Spirit will impart life to our mortal bodies. When we weave a pattern of giving into our lives, we can expect God to visit us. Jesus will fellowship with the cheerful giver, and the Holy Spirit will impart life to our mortal bodies.

When we give of our treasure, it shows there is a conversion of our wallet and bank account from the temporal to the eternal. It helps to break the force of greed in our lives, enabling God to have access to what is so important to so many of us. When we give of our time or our talent, we demonstrate our dependence on God to use our abilities to further advance his kingdom. We are turned outward, rather than inward: *What can I do for others?* rather than, *What can I do for myself?*

God is giving us the opportunity to partner with him in meeting the spiritual and physical needs of people in this world. He has promised to reward us, even though we are simply giving back a portion of what he already owns. We are the stewards of his provisions.

Heart Deposit: Take a moment and think about your attitudes about your giving. Are you cheerfully taking advantage of the opportunities to give that God is presenting to you? If you don’t give regularly to God’s work, ask the Holy Spirit to show you one small step that you can take in that direction.

***KingdomNomics* is
giving with a willing heart.**

Related Verses:

“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” (Deuteronomy 15:10)

DAY 25

Receive God's Blessings

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
(2 Corinthians 9:8, NIV84)

God's love is immeasurable! And God is able to make “all grace,” meaning all spiritual and earthly blessings, abound to the cheerful giver (subject, of course, to his sovereign will). This passage promises that God will move in the life of the cheerful giver.

Giving is an investment in the kingdom of God for which there are both earthly and heavenly rewards. God allows us to trade in a decreasing, temporary currency for an immeasurable, eternal investment. That investment will last forever.

God responds to us as we cheerfully give and provides for all of our needs so we can abound in every good work. He will supply the seed. He will multiply the seed. He will increase the harvest of our righteousness and enrich us in every way so that we can be generous on all occasions.

Cheerful giving is “grace giving.” It is giving with an “I want to give” attitude. It is evidence of our faith and obedience to the gospel. And it results in prayers of gratitude, praise, and thanksgiving to God by those who are on the receiving end of our giving.

In addition to the promise of eternal reward, we also experience God's blessing and favor on our lives in this world. Giving is the wise thing to do!

Heart Deposit: What are some of the blessings you, and others, have experienced because of your giving? How have you seen God bless your giving? What practical steps can you take to increase your giving?

***KingdomNomics is based
on God's grace.***

Related Verses:

“He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.”
(Proverbs 22:9)

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”
(Proverbs 11:25)

DAY 26

Invest in Eternity

“He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.”
(Psalm 78:39)

All of us have a “loaf” of time. This presents us with a threefold problem. First, none of us knows how long our loaf of time will last. Second, we know that with each day, one slice of our loaf is used up, never to be available again. And third, in light of eternity, we have a decision to make as to how best use our loaf of time.

In our verse for today, the psalmist describes our life as a passing breeze that does not return. It describes something that is extremely brief. If we are wise, we will use this brief time to focus on the eternal. Not so for most people, for they are focusing their attention only on what they can see and do in this world, without giving any thought as to what will happen in eternity.

The wise believer must keep biblical principles in mind. We are going to die. We will be required to give an account of our lives before the Lord at the judgment seat of Christ. We will experience gain or suffer loss of reward depending on how much we have allowed the spirit to live, or flow, through our mortal lives. We will give an account of whether our acts were done through the Spirit of God or the energy of the flesh.

The brevity of life points us to the Word of God. We will find our hearts drawn to it as we acquaint ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and allow him to dwell richly in our hearts. Is that happening to you?

Heart Deposit: Are you living a life of consumption, thinking only of yourself, or are you participating in Christ’s Great Commission for the world? Are you setting your mind and heart on things above or on the things of this world? In what ways are you making the most of today’s kingdom opportunities?

***KingdomNomics* recognizes
that time for kingdom impact
in this life is short.**

Related Verses:

“You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure.” (Psalm 39:5)

“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” (James 4:14)

DAY 27

Advance God's Kingdom

“From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today.” (Isaiah 48:6-7)

Most of the world does not understand the kingdom that has been disclosed to us by the Spirit of God. This kingdom can only be understood as God reveals himself to us. And so many Christians, even though they have some knowledge of God, are still ineffective and unfruitful in their knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Since the time is short, it is imperative that those who are consumed by the Word of God focus their will on being empowered by the Holy Spirit to advance the kingdom of God. God has shown this to us for a purpose. We are to be engaged, allowing God to work, advance, and move his interests forward through us. We are exhorted to excel in grace living and grace giving. We must continually monitor what is consuming our time, talent, and treasure. God is going to hold us accountable for the revelation that he has given to us.

Because our story has yet to be completed, it may be that God still has hidden things to reveal to us for the purpose of engaging us in further kingdom activity. We serve a God who is awesome in power and who is able to do more than we can ask, think, or imagine, according to his immeasurable power that is at work in us. As we accomplish the tasks he has given us, we qualify ourselves for use by the master, for additional works that he has prepared for us to do.

Heart Deposit: As you spend time in God's Word, what is he revealing to you? What difference is this making in your life? In the lives of others?

***KingdomNomics utilizes
what is temporal
and leverages it for eternity.***

Related Verses:

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” (Psalm 145:13)

DAY 28

Reign with Jesus

“And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.’” (Revelation 5:9–10)

Wow! Redeemed to God by the blood of Christ, he has made us priests to serve him; we will reign on earth for him! Truly, as Job said, we have only seen the edges of God’s ways. How awesome he is—beyond words of human description. What a privilege that he allows us to worship him and to act on his behalf!

It is God who justifies us, not our works, not our behavior, not our giving, nor anything else. Jesus by himself purged our sins. Jesus washed away our sins with his blood. By his blood we are brought near to God. By his blood we are justified. By his blood, he purchased our eternal redemption. His blood is the only acceptable payment to God for our sin. By his blood, our souls have been atoned. Truly, we are a special people!

Our response should be for our desire to do good works in the power of the Holy Spirit, particularly works that facilitate the expansion of his kingdom in this world. We are in a race against time. We are God’s chosen instrument for reaching our own generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are destined to reign on earth with him! Now is the time to get to work. Give of your time, talent, and treasure and give some more!

Heart Deposit: In what ways are you being used by God to bring the message of eternal life to a lost and dying world?

***KingdomNomics* responds
to Jesus Christ’s saving work.**

Related Verses:

“Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’” (John 3:3)

“Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:6)

DAY 29

Live for Eternal Significance

“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.” (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

True faith involves both knowledge and conviction know about God’s saving grace and then we act on that knowledge. Conviction moves us to act. Doing good, being generous, and being willing to share are the fruits of true faith. They are an outgrowth of the seed of faith, just as an ear of corn is the outgrowth of a kernel of corn planted in the soil. Our conviction moves us to do the good works that God has planned ahead for us to do as we walk on the path of faith.

As God transforms us by the renewing of our minds, we will find ourselves transformed from being “getters” to becoming givers. As we become givers we will be progressively more concerned with fulfilling kingdom objectives. Giving results in our laying up treasure in *heaven*. When we fully understand the reality of this principle, we truly begin to accomplish great things for God’s kingdom! Our giving will echo into eternity.

The promise of reward is a motivating factor as we consider the eternal impact of what we do in this world. The decisions we make here on earth will echo into eternity. In our passage for today we are promised, “so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” When we give, we also experience life!

Heart Deposit: In what ways are you able to use your time, talent, and treasure to echo into eternity? Is this a new concept for you? Think about some ways you can deposit to your bank account in heaven.

***KingdomNomics echoes
into eternity.***

Related Verses:

“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.” (2 Corinthians 4:18)

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” (Colossians 3:1)

DAY 30

Concentrate on Eternity

“His disciples remembered that it is written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’”
(John 2:17)

All of our time, talent, and treasure are temporary as far as this world is concerned; however, what we do with them while we are here *will* have eternal ramifications. Do we care? The word “zeal” used by John indicates enthusiasm and passion. How much passion do you have for the things of God?

Jesus Christ was consumed with doing his Father’s will while he was in this world. He knew his time on earth was short. He ensured that all the work that had been given to him was finished by the time he returned to heaven.

So, again, what are you doing with your time, talent, and treasure? Are you wasting them on the temporal, disregarding the eternal reality we all face, or are you fixing your eyes on the eternal aspect of life? Are you concentrating on the things God wants you to do? We have the option of laboring for those things that are perishing, or we can labor for those things that reap eternal benefits, both us and for others.

So many things I was zealous for in the past, that I thought were so important, have evaporated. They are no longer a part of my life. My thoughts now lie with: *What will last forever? Am I building on the foundation of Jesus Christ, or am I striving to construct something on the foundation of self?*

It is never too late to change course! There is always a new opportunity to become zealous for the things that are important to God.

Heart Deposit: If someone were to look at your life, what word or phrase would fill in this blank “Zeal for _____ consumed him/her.” Is the word or phrase in the blank temporal or eternal? How can you increase your zeal for the things of God?

***KingdomNomics* guides our choices
as we fully understand the eternal implications.**

Related Verses:

“Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” (John 12:25)

“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14)

DAY 31

Use Your Time, Talent, and Treasure for God's Kingdom

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."
(Habakkuk 2:2, NKJV)

God's revelation of himself and his plan of redemption for humankind have been clearly written in the Bible. We have reflected on:

- the brevity of life,
- the temporary nature of this world versus the eternal world we are heading for,
- our purpose for being here,
- the opportunity for us to partake of the divine nature,
- soaking our hearts in the Word of God,
- sowing to the Spirit,
- flowing with the Spirit, and
- the opportunity to build treasure in heaven

Understanding God's revelation of himself makes this truth clear: Our time, talent, and treasure are to be used for God's kingdom. We must decide whether we are going to take advantage of what God has revealed to us. Just as God gives us a choice in deciding where we will spend eternity, he also gives us the choice of being consumed by selfish, temporary desires, or by living for his kingdom purposes. If we choose the latter, there is the promise of great reward in the life to come. This reward is just one of the tremendous incentives for us to find the purpose God has for our lives and the particular works he wants us to do.

We do not have forever to make these decisions. Time is passing quickly. What are you doing with the time God has given you?

Heart Deposit: Have you captured God's vision for you? In what ways are you pursuing his vision? What opportunities is the Holy Spirit putting before you to make your time, talent, and treasure echo into eternity? How are you responding to those opportunities?

***KingdomNomics is capturing God's vision
and running with it.***

Related Verses:

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?" (Matthew 24:45)

"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!'" (Matthew 25:21)

Phil's Bio and More Resources



KingdomNomics Applied has been developed for use with the KingdomNomics book, which also has a Study Guide for use by individuals and small groups.

Phil has a weekly blog, called “*Reflections of a Kingdom Boy*,” where he shares more practical insights about how to create your echo into eternity. See his latest blog posts at KingdomNomics.com/blog.

To find these resources, check out the *KingdomNomics* website at KingdomNomics.com and the Facebook page at facebook.com/KingdomNomics.

Phil has spent a lifetime learning about and living out the answer to this single question: How can I enjoy life now, and still live a life that will echo into eternity?

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