

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Week of March 6, 2022 A.D

Purpose #4

Life is a Temporary Assignment

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read Ecclesiastes 3:11

1. Do you agree that “God has set eternity in the hearts of men”?

Read Matthew 25:31-33; 41; 46

2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “While life on earth offers many choices, eternity only offers two: heaven or hell. The problem is: you must choose your eternal destination while you are still alive on earth.”

Read Revelation 21:3-4; 7-8

3. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “A Christian must guard against being so heavenly minded that he or she becomes of no earthly good.”
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Read Hebrews 11:6

5. Your eternal salvation is not based upon your good works. But, your eternal rewards are. Is it true that life is a test of your faithfulness to God? If not, why not? If so, is it wise to want to please God?
6. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “My eternal rewards will last forever. Everything in my life on earth is temporary. To invest my time and effort pursuing personal gratification instead of living to please God makes me a fool.”

Read James 1:12

7. Is it easy to follow Christ? Does God allow trials in your life? If so, why?

Read Psalm 24:1

8. Does God own the world, everything in it, and all of its inhabitants? Do you own anything? Are you accountable to God for how you use your resources, your time, and your abilities?
9. Does God have complete authority over all areas of your life? What are the benefits of submitting to God's authority and to His instructions? What are the costs of resisting God's authority and His instructions?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:2, 5

10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "God wants to give to me tremendous eternal rewards. But He cannot do so unless I faithfully serve Him by using my earthly talents and resources to build His kingdom."

Read Luke 12:47- 48

11. Based on these verses, (a) is life on earth a "trust" from God? and (b) what advice would you give to a person who plans to spend eternity in the kingdom of God?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 and John 12:25

12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Life is a temporary assignment. So, I should not foolishly waste my time seeking prosperity, success, or power in this life. Instead, I should faithfully serve God so that He can give to me the rewards which He wants me to enjoy for eternity."

Read Philippians 3:18-20

13. Are material possessions an obstacle to our faithfulness to Christ? Would you rather be a poor person or a wealthy person? Would you rather have great eternal rewards or few eternal rewards? Please explain how your current lifestyle and daily choices support your answers to these questions.

Read 1 Peter 1:17-19

14. What type of behavior indicates that a Christian is a "stranger" in this world? How is a worldly life an "empty way of life"? What can you do to help yourself and your family to better prepare for life in eternity?

Consider: My temporary assignment from God is to live in obedience to Christ in a world that is in rebellion against Him. After my brief life on earth comes to an end, I will experience and enjoy the rich, full abundant life of a child of God for all of eternity.