Glenwood Baptist Church

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DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

How to Make Your Life Count

Lesson Two • Hebrews 11:23-29

Making Your Life Count

What's the Difference Between:

People who make their lives count and people who live as wasted paper clips?

If You Want to Make Your Life Count, You Must Settle Four Key Issues:

1. IDENTITY: Who Am I?

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Hehrews 11:24 NTV

God's Invitation to a New Identity:

Lose your "self identity" in this world and find your identity in CHRIST.

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ~Jesus, Mark 8:35-36 NKJV

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20 NKJV

I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

2Corinthians 6:18 NKJV

2. RESPONSIBILITY: What Will I Choose in Life?

He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. Hebrews 11:25 NIV

Three Facts:

- ➤ I can't LIVE OFF other people's spiritual commitment.
- I can't BLAME other people for the direction in my life.
- No one can waste my life except ME.

3. <u>PRIORITY</u>: What Is Most Important in Life?

He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. Hebrews 11:26 NIV

Moses' Value System:

Magnifying <u>CHRIST</u> was more valuable than the world's prestige, pleasures, and possessions.

4. <u>DIFFICULTY</u>: Am I Willing to Persevere to the End?

By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible. Hebrews 11:27 NIV

How do we persevere in the face of difficulties?

By focusing on <u>JESUS</u> and relying on His power, provision, and promises.

Hebrews 11:27-29; 12:1-2

When It Comes to Making Your Life Count...

The key is exercising your <u>FAITH</u>! Without faith it is impossible to make your life count!