

#3 Making A Difference For Eternity

<u>Proverbs 3: 5-6</u> Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths.

- Let <u>JESUS</u> Drive Before you can truly make a difference for eternity you must surrender your entire being and Let Jesus Drive.
- <u>LIVE</u> More Intentionally (*Psalm 39:4-7*)
 Everything matters because everything counts. No decision is still a decision.
 - A. **<u>READ</u>**, <u>**MEDITATE**</u> and <u>**STUDY**</u> the Bible more
 - B. <u>PRAY</u> more
 - C. If married, **STRENGTHEN** your marriage
 - D. Teach your **<u>CHILDREN</u>**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- 1. Family **DEVOTIONS**
- 2. Music and movies
- 3. Life lessons
- 4. Serve <u>CHRIST</u> with your children
- 5. **<u>DATE</u>** your children
- 6. Pray for their future **SPOUSES**
- 7. Teach them about basic biblical **FINANCES**
- 8. Love them **UNCONDITIONALLY**
- E. Determine and use your **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

F. **<u>DISCIPLE OR MENTOR</u>** someone

- G. Reduce or eliminate **DEBT**: Proverbs 22:7 "The rich rule over the poor and the borrower is servant to the lender"
- H. Break **<u>BAD</u>** habits; develop <u>**GOOD**</u> habits
- 3. <u>GIVE</u> More Intentionally
 - A. Acknowledge that <u>EVERYTHING</u> comes from and belongs to God
 - B. The Church is God's plan here on earth to spread the gospel and needs to be the <u>HIGHEST PRIORITY</u> for <u>GIVING</u>
 - C. Give, <u>SAVE</u>, spend versus Spend, <u>SAVE</u>, Give
 - D. <u>INVEST</u> (give) now you can't take it with you

"God is not glorified when we keep for ourselves what we ought to be

God blesses our income so that we can increase our Standard of **Giving**, not our Standard of **Living**

using to alleviate the misery of the unevangelized, uneducated, unmedicated, and unfed millions..." John Piper

E. Have a <u>WILL</u> – invest for eternity even when you are in eternity

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

How about you? Has God spoken to you about changes you need to make in order to "make a difference for eternity?"

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