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FOLLOWING JESUS
HOW TO AVOID A WASTED LIFE!

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INTRODUCTION

✓ According to you, what does it mean to live a wasted life?

We may have grown up in a society where a wasted life is: having no education, having no money or job, having no friends or a spouse.

But we are being called to find out what a wasted life really is in the eyes of Jesus and how we can avoid this waste.

Remember the God of abundance dislikes waste



Key Scripture:
John 6:25-27

⁵ *When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”*

²⁶ *Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”*

John 6:25-27

You look for Him not because you want Him but because you had your fill. Many of us find ourselves in high pursuit of Jesus only because He does mind blowing things. We often tend to leave Him as our last option because we know that He is not limited by time and circumstance. These hungry people had found a man who could multiply bread, and this was their basis of following Him, they did not follow Him for who He is, but for what He could do.

- ✓ *Why are you looking for Jesus?*
- ✓ *Imagine you had someone who could multiply bread or give you what you lack, would you ever let him/her go?*
- ✓ *Are you friends with someone only because of what they can give to you?*

The people were running to Jesus for food that spoils, when He has much more than that. He has food that endures, that lasts, that does not go bad, rot or corrupt.

Don't not work for food that spoils but the one that endures.

- ✓ *What are you working for?*
- ✓ *Have you had to work for something and in the end find you worked for nothing?*

¹⁷ *So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. ¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they*

must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-21

All that you will have will remain for someone else. All your toil and effort, will all be vanity! Remember this while you are still young and before ambition drives you to labor, giving room for other people to squander your hard work. Do not get me wrong, work hard, but do not let that be the driving force of your life, for you might not even get a chance to enjoy it, rather work hard for something that you will benefit from after you die. Eternity is long, you better prepare for it. The fact that you lose all is sad, but the question really is: will we know if he who inherits all your remains in which you sweated, worked and labored for will be wise enough to manage it? Some of us who had inherited things from those who have passed have squandered the property given.

- ✓ *What are you working for what spoils?*
- ✓ *Have you ever been a successor? How did you manage what was left to you? Did you manage it as good as the owner did?*

Asking yourself this question is the way to not living a wasted life.

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19-20

Inside earthly treasure is a destroyer. It is internally built, with a system of corruption, moth and rust.

- ✓ *Where will you store your treasures?*
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*17 Command those who are rich in this present world **not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.** 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

- ✓ *Do you desire to be rich?*
- ✓ *If yes, then why?*

The most difficult thing not to be when you're rich is arrogant. It is easy to be very arrogant, proud and haughty once you have money. Even with the little bourse (scholarship money) or salary we might be getting, we find ourselves looking down on those that have less and thinking you cannot associate with people of such low caliber. All desiring to be rich must put their trust in God and humble themselves starting now.

- ✓ *Do you get a feeling of supremacy when you have money?*
- ✓ *Is your hope in God?*

Be rich in good deeds, be generous and willing to share. God is doing a certain work and it goes all the way into eternal life, it does not spoil. I don't know what you're searching for, but it may spoil and, in the end, you will have wasted your life. But there is something that God wants you to engage in which does not spoil.

AN ICEBURG OF THINGS THAT SPOIL.

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:4-8

Paul considers all that was profit, to be loss.

- ✓ *What looks like profit for you? (School, jobs, ...)*
- ✓ *What are all these profits in comparison to knowing Jesus?*

GOOD DEEDS TO BE RICH IN

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **the new creation has come:** [a] The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through **Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:** 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** 20 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 5:17-20

God is calling us to a work that will not perish.

Paul says, all those saved are new creation, not a new creature. God is making a new person. And after this, we have been given a service, a work to do.

✓ *What is this work?*

It is the ministry of reconciliation that God has given to all of us (God making enemies His friends). There are people are not in good terms with God, and He is looking for people to bring them into reconciliation with Him. This is the work that will not perish. God was Christ, reconciling the world to Him.

Every single Christians must be engaged in this work. Anywhere you find yourself is a place to do your ministry and word of reconciliation. God has made us His ambassador. If you are an ambassador, you do not do what the country you've been sent to tells you to do, but you listen to the country that sent you to represent them.

✓ *Are you correctly representing the Kingdom of Heaven as the ambassador sent to earth?*

In today's age, we see death rampantly swallowing the human race. Have those who were swallowed been reconciled to Christ?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

1 Corinthians 15:56

✓ *What is bringing death to the whole world?*

It is sin. These are the big issues that we have. Sin and death!

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

Romans 5:12-14

Which of the courses you do can solve this problem? The problem of sin and death! None of us through our courses can solve this issue, yes, even medicine, but we walk around very bigheaded because we think we are big through our course and degrees. God is calling us to join Him on an important mission

- ✓ *If there was a vacancy post announcement for a job in your filiere (domain), how many people do you think will apply?*
- ✓ *But Jesus is also recruiting men for His work, how many are applying? Have you applied?*
- ✓ *If not, why?*

*34 Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin condemns any people.*

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness will save the people. Help people come to righteousness through reconciliation, that they too may be saved.

13 "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord.

"Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'"

14 “You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? 15 But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.’”

16 Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

17 “On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him.

Malaciah 3:13-17

- ✓ *If you were to be paid to be an evangelist for \$1000 monthly, would you take the job, even if you don't know how to do it. Would you do it?*

People would be rushing for this job, but look at the situation now. We see it as foolish and futile because you do not get a fixed monthly physical salary. We have not taken serving God as a serious matter. We see many of the wicked prospering, yet they do not serve God.

- ✓ *Do you sometimes feel it is not worth all the fuss to serve God?*
- ✓ *Do you feel that if you serve God, you are poor?*

You are actually highly blessed in your poverty.

There are 2 groups of people: Those who think they suffer and those who serve.

- Those who serve God will have a special place.
- Those who serve God are spared by Him from destruction, and other things.
- Those who serve, have access. Even in the house, one who volunteers to serve has access.

Take serving God to a different higher level, because what you could be working for may spoil.

Decide to serve the Lord.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

John 12:26

There is an honor that will be placed on you. Many are the rewards that come with serving God.

Pray for the grace of service to come upon your life!

Pray that you begin to function in the ministry of reconciliation!