

Your Extraordinary Life

A Brilliant Investment

I. Our Journey

A. The Extraordinary Choice --- opinions???

B. God's Choices

Acts 17:26-28 (NIV)

²⁶ From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and **he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.** ²⁷ God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'

C. Our Choices

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NASB)

I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. **So choose life** in order that you may live, you and your descendants, ²⁰ by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him;

D. Extra-ordinary life ---*even in crisis*

Daniel 5:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ "There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. . . . ¹² " *This was* because **an extraordinary spirit**, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar.

II. Your Extraordinary Life

A life with a purpose that transcends disappointments and injustice. A life that results in contentment, joy and fulfillment ---both in time and eternity.

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

A. the goal - _____

Romans 8:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And that is what**

some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

B. the difficulty - _____

Galatians 5:7-8 (NIV)

⁷You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? ⁸That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.

2 Samuel 11:1-2 (NIV)

¹In the spring, **at the time when kings go off to war**, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

²One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,

C. the requirement – _____

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³**while we wait for the blessed hope**--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, Today I choose to begin a journey; the pursuit of an extraordinary life. I want my life to bring honor to the name of Jesus. I recognize my frailty and my need for Your help. Holy Spirit direct my steps. Forgive my sins. I forgive those who have brought pain to my life. I choose to turn my eyes toward the grace and power of my God and away from disappointment. I choose to accept God's invitations and to say no to selfish indulgence. This day I determine to become an encourager of those pursuing God. Almighty God, through my life may Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on earth. In Jesus' name, amen.

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