

# Make The Most Out of Life

Wednesday New Moon May 28, 2025, 1st day of the 3rd biblical month

## Sermon outline:

**Ecclesiastes 9:10** "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."

**Psalms 118:24** "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

## Powerful divine confirmation of today's sermon:

Last night, my wife was speaking to me, and she had a book in her hand with the page opened to this page, which I took a picture of.

She had no idea about what tomorrow's sermon topic is going to be.

But this is a very powerful divine confirmation of the sermon topic for tomorrow!

The book page says: "It is our duty to make the best of our misfortunes. George Washington"

Sermon topic: "Make the most out of life."

**Life is what you make of it.**

**Home is what you make of it.**

**Most jobs are also.**

**If something is not "all you want it to be" (job, club, church, life, etc) be the person that causes the change/improvement.** Your input/involvement could be exactly what turns something from Laodicean to Philadelphia, from slow to fast, from cold to hot, from ugly to beautiful.

**Stop using it as an excuse to do nothing. Get involved and make a difference. (But NOT demonic Babylon! Jesus demands that we leave Babylon.)**

**Colossians 3:23-24** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

**The secret to peace and happiness is to make Jesus first in all things.**

**Luke 16:10** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

**Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of the Talents. Use the gifts and abilities given.**

**:21** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

**1 Corinthians 4:2** "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

**Ephesians 5:15-16** "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

**Philippians 4:4** "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

**Full Sermon Transcript:**  
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Let's go in prayer. Lord Heavenly Father, in Jesus' wonderful name, an absolutely powerful name. Thank you, Father, for your presence.

Thank you for powerfully confirming this sermon. Thank you for not leaving this ministry, not removing your spirit from me.

Praise your holy name. Thank you for getting us through another month. Thank you, Father, for this message we're about to receive and your anointing on it.

Thank you for your presence. We do ask, Lord, that you would help those that are the most rebellious, like Manasseh, so sinful, such a fool.

You would help him to repent, surrender to you. I know you can't force him. It's up to him, rather, to obey you or to continue to serve Satan in the false church, which he has already chosen.

He's cursed. He is so very cursed because he's cursed himself. Like a fool, he continues to be a double-minded, such a hypocrite, such a huge hypocrite.

Nevertheless, Lord, despite the presence of such a fool, we will move forward. The true church, those that have surrendered to you, will move forward.

Even in the presence of our enemies, we will move forward. Even in the presence of brute beasts, fools, and demonic people, such as Manasseh, we will push them aside, ignore them, and put our eyes and heart upon you.

And we will receive your word, and it will not be void nor vain, because we are people that will listen and obey.

Our work will not be in vain. We will push forward in the midst of this dark and wicked world.

We'll push forward to see you, to be with you, to serve you. In Jesus' name we will do, right now.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

We'll just ignore the demons (Manasseh) that want to listen. That's just a fact of life. We will always have demons around us, watching, listening, spying on the church. That's just a fact of life.

We're always going to have that. But we have to push past that reality that we live in such a dark and demonic world, and make the best of it.

The subject today is to make the most out of life. Make the most out of life. Let's go to the Old Testament here. Ecclesiastes chapter 9.

Page number, around page 380. This particular chapter was so extremely relevant to me when I was just a young man of 10 years old.

Of beginning to learn the Bible, study the Bible, read the Bible, learn the truth.

This was one of the most relevant passages. I'm just going to start in verse 1. I saw that the righteous and the wise in their works are in the hands of the Theos.

Yes, there is no man that knows either love or hatred, though all are before their face.

Vanity is in all. There is one eventually to the righteous. That means one fate eventually to the righteous and to the wicked. So after the word one man, we need to put in Ecclesiastes' fate.

And I do want to check to see if it's actually present in Greek, but rather it's present in Greek or not.

We're going to put the word fate there. It may be in parentheses or it may not be in parentheses, but it's what it's talking about.

That there's one fate that we all die, that we all go to the grave. That there's one fate, eventually to the righteous and to the wicked, to the good and to the bad, both to the pure and to the impure, both to him that sacrifices and to him that sacrifice not, as is the good, so is the sinner, as the swearer, even to he that fears an oath.

Footnote, we all die, we all go to the grave, both righteous and wicked. Verse three, there is this evil or this bad in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event to all, to both the righteous and the wicked, even to animals and insects, to all living, and that is death, the grave.

So that's not an evil, that's just a negative or a bad. So I want to change the word evil as well to negative.

Verse three, in that there is a negative done to all these people under the sun, that there is one event to all.

Yes, the heart of the sons of men is filled with evil, that would be true, and madness in their heart during their life, and after that they go to the dead, that is to the grave.

For who is he that has fellowship of all of the living? There is hope of him, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

For the living, verse five, for the living will know that they shall die, but the dead know nothing, and there's no longer any reward for them, for their memory is lost.

You're not up in heaven enjoying anything after you die, you don't see anything, hear anything, know anything after you die, even for the wicked, no knowledge or anything, no such thing.

Verse six, also their love and their hatred and their envy have now perished. Yes, there is no portion for them anymore until the end of term, until the end of their death, until their resurrection, and all that is done under the sun.

Verse seven, go and eat your bread with mirth, that's with joy. So I want to make that easier to understand for people that don't know English well, we'll change mirth to joy.

Eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with, and we want to check to see if it can be only wine or if it's alcoholic drink, and you look at that in the Greek to see if it needs to stay wine or if it needs to change to be a strong drink, alcohol drink, with a joyful heart, and now Theos has favorably accepted these works, your works.

Let your garments be always white, that's symbolically, meaning walk holy, and let not oil be lacking on your head, that means walk anointed, walk in God's spirit.

Verse nine, and experience life, experience life with the wife whom you love, all the days of the life of your vanity which are given you under the sun, for that is your portion in your life, and in your labor wherein you labor under the sun.

Verse ten, whatsoever your hands shall find to do, do it with all your strength, for there's no work or thoughts or reasoning or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you go, for both righteous and wicked both, is what it had already said, one feet for all living, the grave, death, we all die.

So he's saying, while you are alive, enjoy life, because death is coming eventually to all of us, unless we are alive when Jesus returns, that's an exception, but for the majority of mankind that has ever lived for thousands of years, we normally all die.

So enjoy life, make the most of it, whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your strength, do it with passion, don't live a life that is complacent, lazy, slothful, amen, be active, move your body, amen, be an active person, experience life, live life.

There's a country song that says, well, in the song the story is told that, I guess he's told that he's going to die, so he starts living life like he has never lived it before, skydiving, parachuting, so on, so on, so on, he really lives life like never before, we shouldn't have to wait until we're told that we're going to die, to start living and enjoying life and being active instead of lazy and complacent, slow like snails, amen.

The scriptures tell us that God wants us to enjoy life and to make the most of it while we've got it, amen, while we've got it, to make the most of it, amen.

Let's look at the book of Psalms. Not this song 118, but what page number is it? 256, 256, 256, 256, 256, 256, 256.

Sometimes the songs are numbered differently so I got to look to see if this is the song.

I didn't have time to check on it, but yes, it is song 118, song 118 transcript, verse 24.

Verse 24, this is the day which Jesus has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it, amen.

Let us be glad in this day, amen. Look at verse 1, give thanks to Jesus, he is good, his mercy endures forever, amen.

Let the house of Israel say, he is good, his mercy endures forever, so am I, so am I, so am I, amen.

There's a million and a half reasons, ten million reasons to praise God and to rejoice.

It's easy, too easy, to allow the negative things in life, like death, sickness, disease, pain, jobs, money problems, family problems.

It's too easy to get your focus on those things and keep your focus on those things that drag you down into depression and misery, agony and defeat.

That we are people that are chosen for a very high, very high calling, a very special, very rare calling.

We are too blessed to be depressed, amen. We're too chosen, too loved and too special to allow life to get us down into the pits and stay there.

We all have our moments, I do, you do, you will, I will. We all have our moments since we are only humans that we're going to be down.

But we have to get back up on the bicycle, we have to get back up on the horse, we have to get back up on the

motorcycle and live life, not live in fear, but arise to new heights, amen.

There's people that have crashed in airplanes and helicopters and yet they still got back on another airplane or helicopter later on, amen.

We have to keep living, amen, not allow ourselves to die mentally, emotionally, spiritually.

We got to keep fighting the good fight, amen, fighting over with, yet why give up before the fight's over with, amen.

One of the men's group last night on piracy and I was commenting why I love the UFC, the fights, so much, several, a lot of different reasons really by the mixed martial arts, fighting, UFC, that type of thing, kickboxing.

Why that is so much better, so much, tremendously better of a sport for men to watch rather than hockey and football, little boys running around on the field chasing a ball is really extremely immature, ridiculous, children never growing up, people, men, women, staying childlike in their mentality all their lives, watching men, grown men chase a ball around the field is very immature.

But men fighting in like they are warriors, which we're all meant to be, the men are, to see what would you call the gladiators, amen.

This is maturity, amen, but one of the reasons why I love it so much is because they're determined men that never give up, never give up.

Look at, what's his name, MacConnor, Gregor MacConnor I think, the Irish guy, I remember he had a fight maybe, I don't know, what two years ago or something like that, time flies so quick, maybe two years ago or so, that he had a broken leg or arm or something, broke during a fight, and some people thought he would never fight again, because I mean when you're in one of those fights, those fights they get outrageously tough, rough, they beat each other to crap, and you get, you know, you suffer an injury like that and you go back in the ring and have people beating on you from head to toe, so then you already have a weak spot that they can target that can be more easily broken again, but yet he did, after of course taking some time to heal, went back to fighting, he didn't give up, he didn't stop living, amen.

These are tough guys that show determination, that don't give up, amen. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice in it, we can't rejoice in it if we allow life to get us down, and if we allow life and things that happen in life to cause us to live in fear and never try again, amen.

We've got to keep moving forward and grow, we're not growing if we allow life to stagnate us, push us down, keep us down on the ground, amen.

I had a powerful divine confirmation of God's blessing, I'll miss him, when last night in bed my wife was speaking to me, and she had a book in her hand, it was opened up, I meant to bring it downstairs, but the book was whooping to a page, and she wasn't trying to show me anything in the book, but I thought she was trying to show me what was written in the book, that's the way I took it, because the way that she was handling the book, that I thought she was trying to show me what's in the book, that was God.

Because there was a quote by George Washington that says, it is our duty to make the best out of our misfortunes, it is our duty to make the best of our misfortunes, our duty, amen.

That divine confirmation, my wife had absolutely no idea at all what the sermon topic was going to be about today, she had no idea what it was going to be about, but I had already the sermon almost completely finished by that point, and she had no knowledge of that at all, and she wasn't even trying to get my attention to the book, but I saw it, it was like if she was trying to get my attention to it, and there it was, and that was the only thing on that page, only that one quote on that page, that's God, that's God's presence, that's God's anointing on this message, his blessing on this message, amen.

Life is what you make of it, home is what you make of it, jobs are what you make out of it.

I'm an older guy now, you know, I'm not in my 20s anymore, I've lived life, I've been around a block a whole lot, I've experienced life, and my entire life I couldn't count the number of times I've heard people complain about their jobs or about life in general, but life is what you make out of it, there's always going to be ups and downs, there's always going to be problems, there's always going to be things that we can point at that we don't like, about everything, about people, about jobs, about clubs, about organizations, about government, the list is endless, everywhere you look in life there's something we can complain about, but in every one of those same areas, in every one of those areas, if we were to get involved in it, we could change it, we could improve it, if we get involved in politics, we can improve it, we can vote, we can get involved in the local republican party, which I'm going to do, we can get involved in the local historical society, which I'm going to do, we get involved in all the local community activities around the community, get involved in your community, get involved in the church, get involved with your family, with friends, so that you can actually influence things to where you can make a positive difference.

So many times in my life I've seen people that didn't like certain things about a church, and they would quit a church,

when they could have stayed to make a positive difference, if they didn't like the fact that there was no child care or there was no activities for the singles or whatever, they could have stayed and worked with the pastor and other members to make the change, to develop the activities or whatever, that your mission, that you're complaining about, that you don't have, start it, amen, if it's not there, start it, influence it, amen.

Life is what you make out of it, home is what you make out of it, amen. If something is not all you want it to be, be the person that causes the improvement.

Your input, your involvement could be exactly what turns everything around, turns the congregation or the church from being Laodicean to Philadelphian, from slow to fast, from cold to hot, from ugly to beautiful.

Your input, involvement can change the bad to the good. Stop using excuses to do nothing or to let life just slip you by, get involved and make a difference.

Of course, it's not acceptable to continue in Babylon thinking you're going to change Babylon and save their souls and point them to the truth, so don't take this message out of context.

We are commanded to leave Babylon. You're deceiving yourselves if you think that you can stay in Satan's church and make a difference to improve them and lead them to the truth, you're not going to do it, amen.

So do not apply this sermon to use it as an excuse to continue to disobey God, amen.

Now let's go to the book of Colossians, chapter 3. Page 763. Colossians 3, page 763, transcript. Colossians 3, verse 23.

Whatever you do, do your work heartily with your heart, as for the Lord rather than for people.

Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of your inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

So it's saying whatever you do, even though it's not in church, it's not for the ministry, it's not for the gospel, it's not for the kingdom, do it as if it was for the kingdom, for the Lord.

Because by doing that, by being a good worker in life at your job or working hard in your own yard, you are setting an example to the people that see you, whether it's family or friends or co-workers, employers, whoever it might be, because we're all, all of us are walking billboards 24-7, we're always, all the time, we are walking billboards, we are walking advertisements to the world that sees us.

They see us working hard, working diligently, working smart, and they're like, that's an impressive person, that's a person of honor, that's a person with a strong work ethic, that's a person that presses past the pain, that's a person that's determined, that's a person that doesn't give up, that's a person that presses and continues and works with joy and I know he's sick or I know he's got financial problems or I know he's got these other problems, but he's still smiling and he's still trying to put forth an effort.

I've seen that many times in my life, myself and other people, and I've noticed other people making comments that they're like, that guy, man, that man's life is horrible, that man's life is miserable, what he's having to deal with, but he keeps smiling and he keeps trying and he's still laughing and he's still enjoying life and so people notice that and people comment on that and they talk with one another about how that guy, that woman, that man, that person doesn't allow things to stop them from living life and that makes all the difference in the world when you get older and your body naturally starts slowing down and your mind naturally starts slowing down and you get into your 50s and then 60s and 70s and 80s and the older you get, the more your brain and your body wants to slow you down and force you to slow down, but if you have built up that strong character personality, mentality of a person that is determined to enjoy life, that is going to be happy in the midst of misery regardless of the situation, that you're still going to keep smiling and making the best out of the situation, that is going to make all the difference in the world about your health and how you are going to be able to handle each day, one day at a time.

When you get older and you start developing more and more sicknesses and your body becomes weaker, that mentality is what's going to make you be able to live to 80 and 90 and 100 years old.

That mentality is everything, everything. The people that allow life to get them down, their life is going to be much more short and not only much more short, but miserable while they are still alive. Amen.

If we want longevity, endurance, perseverance, the key to all of this is whatever we're doing to do it for the glory of the Lord.

That even anything we do, of any context in life, that we are walking advertisements for the people around us that they say that we are a good witness for God in how we live our lives, that we're determined people, that we're strong people, that we have a strong character to us. Amen.

That's for the glory of God. Amen. Even how much you weigh, whether you're overweight, should also be important to you if you have self-respect for yourself and if you have respect for how people are going to see you.

If people are going to see you as an elephant, as an overweight, obese slob, or are you going to work hard, be determined to do whatever it takes to look like a person that has self-respect, that cares about your health, that cares

about your longevity and your life and what people think of you.

Because what people think of you is important to a certain measure. I know we must have the mentality that we don't care what people think of us when it comes to that we've got to obey God and that we do need to do certain things in life, stand for the truth, things like that.

But at the same time, it also is important what people think of us about many areas of life because we are walking advertisements for Jesus, His Kingdom, and for His Church. Amen.

So not only Ecclesiastes, but even Colossians tells us to do things with passion, with passion to enjoy life, to rejoice. We know that Philippians 4, to put our minds, our attention, our hearts on the praiseworthy things, on the things that are positive.

Again, every one of us are going to notice the negative. I'm not asking anyone to bury your heads into the sand and totally ignore the negative things that are obvious in our lives every day.

But we have to press past those things and choose what to focus on and choose our steps, how we're going to live our lives appropriately, whether we're going to allow the negative things in life to keep us down or whether we're going to rise up to the occasion.

Let's go to the book of Luke, chapter 16. Verse 10, page 680. Luke 16, verse 10. He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much.

And he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. Amen.

The little things is God grades us not only about the huge things, but he also grades us about the little things. Amen.

And if we're found faithful in the little things, then we will have that character, that personality, that mentality about being faithful about the larger things.

This is one of the reasons why it's important to me if we vacuum that we get every grain of visible dirt on the carpet and not leave anything behind because it's either has been vacuumed or it has not been vacuumed.

And if it still looks dirty, it still has crap over it, then you may as well not even vacuum it to begin with.

If it's not going to be done right, leave it alone, let somebody else do it that has a greater work ethic. Amen.

It's important to do things right the first time you do them so people don't have to come back behind you and do it again.

Whether it's washing dishes, sweeping, mopping, hammering, it don't matter. If we're going to do something, do it with a strong work ethic with respect for ourselves so that when we finish with something we can look at it and say, job well done.

Be pleased with ourselves, have that degree, that measurement of self-respect. And if we do that on the little things, that develops that we are doing that also with the larger things. Amen.

A lot of people in this day and time, the young people that are 20s and 30s, to them mopping is doing nothing but running a mop across the floor in a chaotic way to where you're not getting every inch and the dirt is still visible when you're done.

Just throw the mop away if you're going to do it like that. Amen. And your mopping is supposed to be every inch being covered by the mopping motion in a specific pattern so that you can maintain where you're at and where you're going to get every inch and look at the result.

Did it get clean? Did I miss a spot? Check yourself when you're done. Amen, same thing with sweeping, same thing with dishes, same thing with stocking, same thing with anything in life.

Is to have a strong work ethic, to do things right, to do things orderly, to do things with a plan and to work smart, not hard. Amen.

Make the most out of life is not just about only having fun but also being a good worker.

Being a good worker, being dependable, being trustworthy, keeping your word that if you say you're going to do something or if you agree to do something, do it without somebody having to follow behind you to ask why is it not getting done. Amen.

Having a strong work ethic is making the most out of life. That's the way you get promotions. That's the way you make more money.

That's the way you're more successful. Amen. Making the most out of life is not just fun and play but it does include that. Amen.

Go to Matthew 25 verse 14. For just like a person about to go on a journey who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them, to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, each according to their own ability. Not everybody has the same ability but everybody still has at least one talent. And he went on his journey.

And he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them and gained five more talents.

In the same manner the one who received the two gained two more. But he received the one and went away and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

And after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents. Saying, Master, you entrusted five talents to me.

See, I have gained five more talents. His master said to him, Well done, good, and faithful slave.

You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master. Also the one who had the two talents came up and said, Master, you entrusted two talents to me.

See, I have gained two more talents. I'm going to pause there for a second. He could have said, Master, you gave this other guy five. That's more than double what you gave me.

That's unfair. That's unrighteous. You're not fair. I didn't have as much to work with.

I don't have as much to live. I don't have as much skill. I don't have as much ability. I don't have as much money.

I'm poor. But instead, instead, verse 23, his master said to him, or actually verse 22, also the one who had two talents came up and said, Master, you entrusted two talents to me.

See, I have gained two more talents. He said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave.

You were faithful of a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master. It's interesting the phrase joy of your master.

Verse 24, And the one also who received the one talent came up and said, Master, I knew you to be a tough person.

You're tough. You're a mean guy. Reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered none. You're rough.

You're tough. You expect a lot from people. You require a lot from people. Verse 25, And I was afraid and went away and hid your talent in the ground.

Notice it's your talent, God's talent. The gifts, the talents and the money and the resources that we have.

We have them because God gave them. They belong to him. Amen. And we're expected to use what belongs to God that God gave us our hearts, our minds, our souls, our bodies, our resources, our tools to make use of them.

I hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what's yours. I didn't waste it. It's still there.

I didn't throw it away. I still have it was the mentality. Verse 26, But his master answered and said to him, You wicked, lazy slave. You knew that I reap where I did not sow.

You knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered none. Notice that God calls him lazy which is contrary and opposite of these weak baby Christians and false Christians who think that it's wrong if a pastor or if the master or if God rebukes or corrects or chastises or offends that if we offend anyone we're automatically overlording, overmastering, over-controlling, spiritually oppressive.

That's their mentality because they're babies. They're not mature. They're not grown up. They can't handle adult conversations.

But verse 27, Then you should have put my money in the bank. God says to him, You should have put it in the bank where you could have interest.

On my arrival I would have received back with interest. Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to the one who is not ten times.

If we don't use what God gives us God will take it away and give it to someone else.

And I have seen that happen before. God can take it away and give it to someone else.

Jobs, tasks, tasks that I've assigned people in the ministry I can't wait forever.

If it's not done I can give it to somebody else. Amen. And if we don't do our job correctly when we're working we get employed and have a job if we're not doing it correctly we lose our jobs and it's given to someone else. Amen.

I've always had that—I've always had the mentality: if a person can't drive, don't keep a car in your driveway. Sell it, give it away, let somebody else make use of it.

If somebody has a camper that's not being used, a trailer that's not being used, a house that's not being used—if you don't want to sell it, give it away so somebody can use it. Don't let it just sit and rot. That don't make no sense. Amen. Yet we see it everywhere as we look: houses sitting, rotting; cars, campers, trailers, tools, Bibles just sitting, never being used—ever. Just sits and rots. And people would rather for things to just rot away and rust away rather than give it away and let somebody use it. That's the world we're living in now. Amen.

And I'm just going to quote real fast—we're not going to turn to these, but:

1 Corinthians 4:2, "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

Ephesians 5:15-16, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, making the most of your time, because the days are evil."

1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

And I mentioned earlier:

Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. And I say again: Rejoice."

And we know the other verses also in that same chapter of Philippians 4: to put your mind on the things that are praiseworthy, the things of a good report. Amen.

Make the most out of life. Don't use excuses to say, "I can't do nothing because there's nothing to do." There's always something to do if we just choose to do what there is to do.

There's not a moment of the day that I can't get up and see—man, this still needs done, that still needs done, this still needs done, that still needs done. And it will always be that way. There's always something to do.

Rather, take a walk. Exercise. Sweep, clean, mop, dust. Clean the toilet. Or play with the cat to give him exercise, which is important. Or write a letter to someone. Or make a meme that is actually useful, that people will actually see. Or get on videos.

There's an endless list of things that people could do for this ministry if they would use initiative—not wait for the command. I wish we had people that would get on the internet and make videos on YouTube saying, "Hey, there's a ministry called I Saw The Light Ministries, and I encourage you to check it out because of such and such and such and such." How beautiful that would be if somebody was to do that, instead of waiting for somebody to command you to do it.

Or to get on Reddit, or whatever, or that QCura or something, and promote the ministry. And look up all these times that people have said, "Pastor Tim of I Saw The Light Ministries—he's evil, he's demonic." You can find plenty of those posts all across the internet. It'd be so nice if somebody would just go on there and say, "Hey, you don't know what you're talking about." Defend the ministry. Defend your pastor.

The list is endless. That's just two examples of things that are very obvious, very easy, very needful—but no one really doing anything.

"Oh, I clicked like today! In fact, I clicked like twice today! Pastor Tim, aren't you proud of me?"

Life is what you make out of it, and you get back out of life what you put in it. It's investment—whether we're talking about church, the gospel, the truth, evangelism, or working a job nine to five, or even relationships with husbands and wives, family, parents, brothers and sisters, friends, buddies—no matter what we're talking about. You get back depending upon what measure you measure with. If you're not putting anything to it, how can you expect to get anything out of it? Amen.

Everybody wants to be only receivers, but they don't want to be people that are inputting a positive influence to help turn the tide. Everybody wants to only receive, receive, receive. But they don't want to give and contribute—more than just throwing money at it. What about living it? Working it? Doing something about it?

Life is an investment. The parable of the talents is about investment—of life, of the gospel, of evangelism, of doing something—anything—for God. It's about investment.

Having a garden or a farm is about investment. You've got to put something into it so you can get something out of it. And the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. But a lot of people want to just plant the tomato plant, water it when you plant it, then walk away from it—never fertilize it, never trim it, never groom it, never weed it. "Oh, I did my work. I planted it." But then it grows up with weeds, and then they complain that it's not being fruitful and prosperous. That's what I see every day of my life. Amen.

Life is—life is what you put into it, what you invest in it. Amen. You're only going to get out of it what you put in. Make the most of it. We're not going to save the world, but we can make small differences, small improvements that add up over time.

And God did not condemn the man that only increased two talents. He only condemned the man that didn't do any increase at all. Amen.

We can look at John 15—we're not going to turn there—but I'm reminded of John 15, about a tree: it is expected to

bear fruit. If it doesn't bear fruit, then it will wither away and die. The branches will fall off, to be gathered up, to be thrown in the fire. It doesn't have to be a lot of fruit, but we're required to bear fruit. Amen.

I think of a banana tree. One of these days, I'm going to try to get a banana tree in my yard. This is not the climate for prosperous banana trees. If I ever get one here, it will grow—maybe, hopefully.

There are other people down the street that have banana trees. They're all around town; they're all over the place. A lot of people have banana trees in this region. But they're only going to have like one banana—if any. It's not a tropical climate to where it's going to have a giant bunch of bananas, and two bunches, or four or five or ten bunches of bananas hanging from it. It's not a tropical region.

But just the idea of having a banana tree that might get one banana on it—and I could look at that as saying, why get it? It might not, and probably won't, bear any fruit at all. Why get it? Or I can have the mentality, wow, I might actually be able to have a banana tree and it might even give me a banana once a year, and it might not even be ever here. But wow, if it did give me a banana—wow. If it even just survives and stays alive and comes back after every winter, that would be worth the wow to me. It would be worth the wow. Amen.

Rosemary plant—I've bought like four or five, probably five rosemary plants over the past eight years or something. I don't know—three years, four years, five years, eight years, somewhere around five rosemary plants—and they die every time. And I keep saying, I would never buy another one. I give up. But guess what? Every year I buy another rosemary plant. Amen.

All of us have those times when we're going to say, “I give up,” but I don't. Amen. I'm still going to try. I am determined to be able to grow a rosemary plant. I just planted it yesterday. I'm still hopeful.

The importance of having hope, the importance of having faith, the importance of keep trying to not give up. Amen. Little things—if we have this mentality with the little things, then we will also have this mentality and this drive with the larger and more important things. Amen. A little leaven leavens the whole lump, right? And if we start with a little faith and a little determination and work on it and grow in it each year, we'll develop a mountain and we'll be able to move mountains. Amen.

An expert, a master of a skill, was never a master on the first day, the first few weeks, or the first few months. It takes time to advance—from being a beginner gardener to an expert gardener; a beginner preacher to an experienced preacher; from an immature person to a mature person; from a younger person to an older person. We can't expect everything to be instant, microwave, instant satisfaction, instant—from a sprout to a tree in one day. We have to plan it, water it, fertilize it, take care of the weeds, take care of it on a daily and weekly basis, keep watching it, keep having hope, keep having faith, and keep working with it, and keep building upon building, step by step upon step.

I have preached my heart out. It's up to you to take it and run with it and not let these words fall to the ground—useless, in one ear out the other. It's up to you what you do with it, week after week, week after week. I don't see any difference. It doesn't have to be that way with this sermon. Plant it and expect it to grow. Amen.

I pray that this sermon grows, becomes fruitful, and turns into a beautiful ministry, beautiful church, beautiful congregation, beautiful people of determination, faith, and hope. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it. Amen.

Love you all. God bless. All this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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