

DON'T SPEND YOUR LIFE - INVEST!

Ecclesiastes 11.1-6 // August 18, 2019

TAKING RISKS

When we spend money in a way that seems wasteful, we might say that we just "flushed our money down the drain." Here, Solomon seems to be encouraging his listeners to do that very thing, but then to trust that they will receive a good return.

**Do a good deed and throw it in the water.
When the water dries, you will find it.**

-Ancient Egyptian Proverb

As people, however, we are reticent to give liberally, be it time, energy, money, or grace, if we ourselves are running on empty. When we are exhausting ourselves, we become unhelpful to others and don't have the faith to be generous.

DON'T BE GOLDBLOCKS

To often when we are out of a good rhythm in life, we wait for the right timing, feeling, or circumstance to make changes. But by doing this, we are not properly sowing, and will never get the return that we desire.

When it comes to physical workouts, we do reps (repetitions). Either to fix a bad habit, like a bad baseball swing, or to build up endurance and get to the next level, as in lifting weights and gradually building strength. But we ought to be doing mental, emotional, and spiritual reps in order to fix bad habits, as well as build up endurance, strength.

BLANK CHECKS

As believers, we ought to have nothing to fear. Living your life for Christ, on the outside, looks foolish and wasteful, as if you are casting your bread upon the water. But we know that the outcome will be magnificent. We know our lives should be like blank checks, and it is not ours to spend, but Christ's to invest.

Matthew 16.24-26 // 2 Timothy 4.6-8 // 1 Timothy 4.7-10



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Ecclesiastes 11.1-6**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the Gospel help you to be more bold and take risks, throwing your bread upon the water?

Repent and Ask for Provision

In what ways do you hold back your bread for yourself? Time, energy, money, love...which of these things do you feel like you hoard too much of, and aren't taking risks with for the sake of the Gospel? What "spiritual reps" would you ask God to help you to discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness?

Your Life Mission

God has called each and every one of us to reach out to friends and neighbors for the sake of the Gospel. What "bread" has God given you that you can cast out, maybe even sometimes in a seemingly wasteful way, in order to hope to reach people for Christ? Having neighbors over, eating lunch with co-workers, volunteering at your child's school? Seek to cast your bread upon the waters to as many people as you can, trusting God for the return.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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