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A Productive Life

Do you want to live a productive life? Do you want to one day be able to look back over your life and say that it was well lived and well spent? Would you like to hear me commend you for the good work you have done in this life, that you are now living? Yes, I want to live a productive life. I want to live a life that has no regrets. I want to know that I lived a life that was pleasing to you. I want to make the most of the time I have been given. How can I live a productive life that has no regrets? **That is a good question that you will do well to always keep before you. Let me hear your answer to your own question.** I thought you might say that. I know a few things, for certain. **Like what?** It would be possible for me to work myself ragged with non-stop activity and effort and still live an unproductive life. **How so?** If the goal of my life was to make as much money and acquire as many things as possible, I would be headed toward an unproductive life filled with regret. Money and things do not add up to a productive life that is well lived. **That is true.** It is foolish to live for storing up treasures on this earth. **Yes, it is. What else do you know for certain?** If I were to chart my own course and construct my own agenda, without consulting you, by asking for your guidance, I would be well on my way to living a fruitless and regrettable life. **That is for sure, without any doubt. What else?** If I were to live solely for my own comfort and pleasure so that I lacked nothing in life, I would one day regret that I had misspent my life. **That's right.**

You have talked about what you must not do if you want to live a productive, and well lived, fruitful life. Let me hear the positive side of this question. What will you do to live a productive life? I will listen to you. I will follow your guidance. I will go wherever you guide me. I will do whatever you ask of me. I will pour myself out in your service. I will store up treasure in heaven with you. I will bear fruit for your Kingdom and bring glory to your name. I will use all my gifts and talents and abilities to help those who are in desperate need. I will be a light for you in this world of darkness. I will allow your life to shine in and through me, as I serve you and others. **That will be very good. Do these things and you will live a productive life, with no regrets.** Yes, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I want to live a productive life. I want to invest my time, and talents, and resources in what will bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want to store up treasure in heaven with you. I will go and do whatever you ask of me. Use my life. Amen

Promises *Doing What Is Good*

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives.

NIV Titus 3:14

Promises *Good Works*

And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

ESV Titus 3:14

Promises *Do Good*

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NLT Titus 3:14

Promises *Good Works*

And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

NKJV Titus 3:14

Promises *Good Works*

And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.

NRSV Titus 3:14

Promises *Diligent In Their Work*

Our people have to learn to be diligent in their work so that all necessities are met (especially among the needy) and they don't end up with nothing to show for their lives.

MSG Titus 3:14

Promises *Apply Themselves To Good Deeds*

And let our own [people really] learn to apply themselves to good deeds (to honest labor and honorable employment), so that they may be able to meet necessary demands whenever the occasion may require and not be living idle *and* uncultivated *and* unfruitful lives.

AMP Titus 3:14

Promises *Help All*

For our people must learn to help all who need their assistance, that their lives will be fruitful. Titus

TLB Titus 3:14

Promises *Engage In Good Deeds*

Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

NASB Titus 3:14

Promises *Doing Good Deeds*

Our people must learn to use their lives for doing good deeds to provide what is necessary so that their lives will not be useless.

NCV Titus 3:14

Do Good

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Titus 3:14

In Context: *Read Titus 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you regularly engaging in meeting the urgent needs of others?

How are you making sure that you are living an eternally productive life for the Lord?

What of your efforts are storing up treasure in heaven with the Lord?

What of your efforts will bear lasting and eternal fruit for the Kingdom of God?

When have you invested your time, talents, and resources in meeting the urgent needs of others?

How are you making the best use of the time that the Lord has given to you?

Why will you never regret going and doing whatever the Lord asks of you?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Bear fruit for the kingdom of God and bring glory to His name as you meet the urgent needs of others.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will help you to bear fruit for His kingdom as you meet the urgent needs of others.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is using you to meet the urgent needs of others.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you bear fruit for the Kingdom of God as you meet the urgent needs of others.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will bear fruit for your kingdom as I meet the urgent needs of others.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I bear fruit for your kingdom as I meet the urgent needs of others?
