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Ministry of Helps & Laypersons Class:

Managing My Personal Life Well while Serving in GOD's Kingdom



Why were we created? Who and what is our source?

Scriptural Foundation

- Revelation 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."
- Revelation 4:11, "Every time the Animals gave glory and honor and thanks to the One Seated on the Throne—the age-after-age Living One—the Twenty-four Elders would fall prostrate before the One Seated on the Throne. They worshiped the age-after-age Living One. They threw their crowns at the foot of the Throne, chanting, Worthy, O Master! Yes, our God! Take the glory! the honor! the power! You created it all; It was created because you wanted it."
- Colossians 1:16, "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him."
- 1 Corinthians 6:20, "For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."
- 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."
- Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Practical application

- Who is serving who? The people of God do not ask for things that benefit oneself to build their own kingdom. Have you placed yourself at the center?
- Participant Reflection- If He is truly the center....

Public and private life behavior should match

Scriptural Foundation

Proverbs 3:4-6, "So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

John 15:5-8, "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples."

Practical application

- Work, Community, Family, etc. (Dependable; maintain healthy relationships, presentable, healthy boundaries; good name; keep a calendar, schedule reminders, excellence of Daniel personally and publicly); opposite of drama, messy, negative, chaotic, careless, forgetful, scattered, etc.)
- If Christ is at the center, I center my life around what is taking place in the local church (on time, consistent, faithful, adding value, helpful, keeping my word, serving at church events where applicable and in department/s where I am placed)

Manage time and body well to strengthen availability

Scriptural Foundation

Ephesians 5:15-17, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Colossians 4:5, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time."

Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 24:36, "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

Practical application

- Invest in areas that are necessary, positive, impactful, and uplifting to keep one's mind from the world
- Prioritize-grocery (food selection), employment, youth activities, orderly/clean home, sleep; exercise; limit social media engagement

Preparing to serve

Scriptural Foundation

Ecclesiastes 8:6-7, "Do what your king commands; you gave a sacred oath of obedience. Don't worryingly second-guess your orders or try to back out when the task is unpleasant. You're serving his pleasure, not yours. The king has the last word. Who dares say to him, "What are you doing?" Carrying out orders won't hurt you a bit; the wise person obeys promptly and accurately. Yes, there's a right time and way for everything, even though, unfortunately, we miss it for the most part. It's true that no one knows what's going to happen, or when. Who's around to tell us?"

Philippians 4:8-9, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

Proverbs 19:21, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

Practical application

- A desire to serve is present (A submitted and converted soul seeks a way to serve)
- Prayerful in approach (Positions one to receive instruction)
- Flexible in practice (Am I a good teammate; am I easy to serve alongside?)

Having a heart of service

Scriptural Foundation

Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Proverbs 11:25, "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

Matthew 23:11, "The greatest among you will be your servant."

Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

1 Peter 4:10, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Practical application

- Am I a walking blessing?
- Do I believe God keeps His promises?
- How does Jesus Christ define greatness?
- Does my behavior demonstrate following Christ's example?
- Is the gift God gave me for selfish gain or for His glory?

Hindrances to excellence in personal life and serving

1. *Sloth-emphasis on leisure*

Proverbs 10:4, "A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich."

2. *Superficial understanding of scripture and poor attitude are linked*

Philippians 2:14-16, "Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing."

Matthew 12:36, "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak."

3. *Look at me mentality*

Proverbs 27:1, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."

Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

4. *Financial mismanagement*

Proverbs 20:21, "Valuables are safe in a wise person's home; fools put it all out for yard sales."

5. *Ungodly/inappropriate allegiances or overcommitment*

Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Closing Passages

Proverbs 16:4, "God made everything with a place and purpose; even the wicked are included—but for judgment."

1 Corinthians 12:4-31 (Being a part of the body)