

SPENDING TO SAVE

Our lives can be spent chasing fulfillment that _____ us.

Ecclesiastes 2:17 So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. NIV84

If not _____, _____?

When we spend our lives on _____, we find _____.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 Command [those who are rich in this present world] to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. NIV

We are blessed to _____ how we spend our lives!

Your life is like a _____. You can spend it any way you _____, but you can spend it only once.

Matthew 13:45-46 [Jesus said,] “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. NIV84

Two suggestions for investing in people:

OUTREACH: The place you spend _____ of your _____

Luke 10:29 But [the expert in the Law] wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” NIV84

SIDE-REACH: Your _____

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. NIV84

Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. NIV84