

SPENDING TO SAVE

Our lives can be spent chasing fulfillment that eludes 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 now, when?

When we spend our lives on others, we find fulfillment.

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 choose how we spend our lives!

Your life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, 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 most of your life

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 local church

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