

DON'T WASTE IT: YOUR RESOURCES AND INFLUENCE

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The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the LORD had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy. At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, and among their captives was a young girl who had been given to Naaman's wife as a maid. One day the girl said to her mistress, "I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy." **2 Kings 5:1-3 NLT**

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed! Then Naaman and his entire party went back to find the man of God. They stood before him, and Naaman said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel."

2 Kings 5:14,15 NLT

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 5:15-18 NLT

Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. **2 Timothy 4:10 NLT**

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"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Matthew 25:23 ESV

No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. **Matthew 5:15,16 NLT**

Recognize God is above

Seek Greater Influence by _____ with the Influence you Have

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 NLT

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QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *What does it mean to "Throw Yourself Into a Role" that God has given you? Can you think of an example where you have? Can you think of an example where you haven't?*
- *"God has placed you in the exact situation that you are currently in in order to influence that situation." Do you agree with this? Why or why not?*
- *What are some ways to positively impact others with your influence or resources?*
- *What does it mean for Jesus-followers to "let their light shine?"*
- *How have you seen the Lord increase your influence over the course of your faith-journey?*