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Personal Commitment and The Stewardship of Life

Romans 12:1-8

1. Will You Make a Personal Commitment to Pray?

No person can reach their full spiritual potential without the power of prayer.

2. Will You Make a Personal Commitment to Be Present?

We need to know that people who promise to be with us are really going to be with us.

3. Will You Make a Commitment to Give?

The priorities of an individual are found in a checkbook or debit card statement.

4. Will You Make a Commitment to Serve?

If you are missing joy in your life you need to serve.

Growth Group Homework

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This week we looked at personal commitment and stewardship of life. Pastor Tom talked about a commitment to Pray, be present, to give and to serve. Of those four things what is the hardest to do?

Romans 12:1-8

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

2. What do you think we need to do to be more effective at praying? (Hint: A time, a place, and a list).

Pastor Tom mentioned two Sundays ago about Lee Strobel's comment; If Jesus came to you tonight and told you all of your prayers you made last week are going to be answered. Is there anyone you know who would be going to heaven?

3. What does our presence in Church say about our commitment to Christ? Do we struggle by prioritizing things above church? If you are given \$100.00 every time you come to church do you think the church would have more people? It probably would, but that really gives us insight to what is prioritized.

God loves you, but He wants a relationship with you that is real. Our commitment to prayer and coming to church will allow Him to speak to us through His written word.

4. Giving a tithe is the test God tells us to test Him in (Malachi 3:10). If we all committed to tithing, and trusting God imagine what we could get done! What ministry would you want to see done if you had the resources to do it?

5. Finally Serving reflects that what we believe in our heart is actually a priority. Every Sunday someone calls out of working with children, what would happen if everyone volunteered for one thing? Would we be able to accomplish more? How would we be more effective?

This is the last time Pastor Tom will preach about tithing. Prayerfully consider the 3 month challenge. Try tithing on whatever increase occurs. (If you find \$100.00, tithe \$10.00). If you get a great tax return, prayerfully consider tithing a tenth. BUT WATCH WHAT God does... and SHARE what He has done in your life with others!

The Bible says God loves a cheerful giver, so the attitude in which we give is supposed to be in a loving, expectant, exciting way! Thanking God for what he has blessed us with! It is my prayer for you that you will meet God in a whole different way! -Pastor Tom