

# Ripples



**“For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I must soon leave this earthly life, so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone.”**

**The Apostle Peter | 2 Peter 1:14-15 (NLT)**

## What's the Point?

As a business leader, every year I was asked to develop a 5-year strategic plan for the business. I struggled doing this because so much could change over 5 years, right? One-year plans made a whole lot more sense

to me. So, you can imagine my initial reaction when I was asked to create a 100-year plan as part of my coach training program a number of years ago...when I was in my 50's! The math was simple;  $50 + 100 = 150$  ... I'd be long dead.... What's the point?

After a few more minutes of thinking I got the point.

### **What are the Implications of Your Life?**

The pressures of life push us to think short term. Rightly so. We have to keep bread on the table, support our families, maintain homes and vehicles... Some never make it past the day to day. However, most of us do a bit of dreaming and "long term" planning for our retirement years. We fit our lives into stages: Go to school, get a job, work for 40 years, then retire to do whatever we want until we die... perhaps thinking "If I've made a difference, someone will come to my funeral." Is that it?

*"Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away. Who can comprehend the power of your anger? Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve. Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom."*  
*Moses / Psalm 90:10-12 (NLT)*

The fact is that your time on Earth is short. As Moses says, accepting this somber truth makes you wiser...but how? Have you considered the true implications of your life?

### **My Coach's Challenge**

A few will become wealthy enough to pass along material things that can carry on, but your life has much greater implications than this. The Apostle Peter was not worldly wealthy, nor was the Apostle Paul, yet look at their legacies. Think about it...Would you even know Christ if not for

their work?

*"Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey." Acts 16:2-3 (NLT)*

These men knew the implications of their lives and worked hard to ensure their ministries would continue long after they were gone. Both intentionally built into others, captured learned wisdom in writing and lived with deep passion for those to come. In fact, their missions gained momentum, producing even more fruit after they had died.

Your life is significant too!

What will happen to your Life Mission after you die? Will it die with you? Will it simply fade away? Or, will it thrive to produce more and more fruit?

My challenge to you is to develop a 100-year plan. How will your Life Mission carry on? Who are you building into? What systems are you putting in place? You might be surprised by how your answers will change what you are doing today.

Imagine your life as a rock dropped into the water. Will you simply be a vanishing splash? Or are you the beginning of a great work that will create ever expanding...

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## Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

**I Intentionally Work to Pass My Life Mission Along**

“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”

The Apostle Paul | 2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)



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