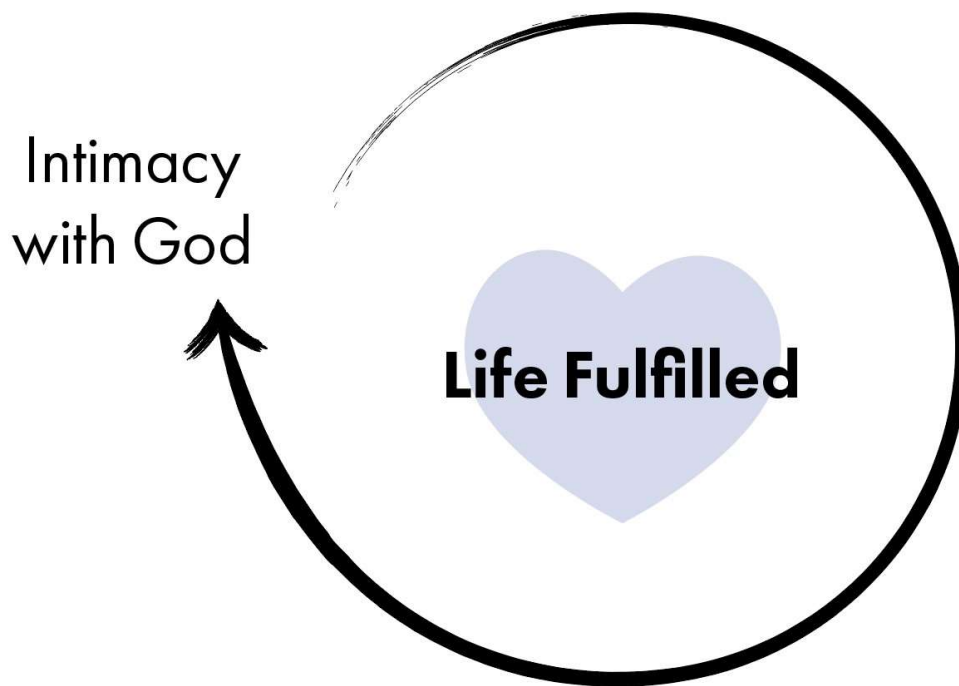


Why Bother?



“For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.”

The Apostle Paul | 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NLT)

It's been said "There's nothing you can do to make God love you more and nothing you could do to make him love you less." So why bother advancing your Mission (the unique work God designed you for), especially if it requires sacrifice... no pressure! On the other hand, your conscience keeps you from sinning grievously... too draining! Using these as guardrails, self-love subtly leads you into the life it finds most comfortable. Later, a knot forms in your stomach as the Spirit prompts you to ask, "Am I living the life God intended for me?" Defending yourself you rationalize... "I've been a pretty good person; I haven't done too many bad things." What a relief it is when you hear someone say that God loves you the same regardless. Pfew!

Why not play it safe?

Reflect: Am I doing what God desires for my life?

The Bible is clear that salvation comes by grace, and grace alone. We need only declare with our voice what we believe in our hearts... no works required!

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved." The Apostle Paul (Romans 10:9-10)

Since God didn't zap us straight to Heaven we must ask "What are we to do during this time between salvation and physical death?"

“Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds.” Jesus Christ (Revelation 22:12)

If Jesus is bringing rewards there must be something he'd prefer us do...

“Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

Paul says build on the foundation of Jesus Christ but be careful. Not all works are valued by God, and some that seemed good, will lead us to suffer great loss! That knot returns...

*Consider: **Will a “Why Bother?” life be worthy of Jesus' rewards?***

If being relatively good citizens falls short, how do we live a life worthy of Jesus' rewards? Be his servants...

“Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.” The Apostle Paul (Galatians 1:10)

Imagine a servant who did whatever he wanted, or one that just laid around... I'm reminded of an old boss who hired a woman to clean his home. He returned to find her asleep on his bed. No rewards for her! We have expectations for our servants, shouldn't Christ?

"I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control." The LORD (Psalm 32:8-9)

It's mind blowing that our master will lead us down the path to gain his rewards. Our responsibility? Routinely draw close to ask, "What is it have me here to do?"

Imagine: The good work of my Mission leading to rewards from Jesus.

Granting rewards is Jesus' response to the works that emanate from our times of Intimacy with him. Why would he reward someone who's hardly spent time with him?

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me." Jesus Christ (John 15:4)

Your good works, your Mission, your fruitfulness... all originate from Intimacy. Start here! In fact, you'll begin receiving rewards

immediately. How fulfilling it is to hang with the King of the universe!
Seek Intimacy and you'll never again ask...

Why Bother?

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- Am I living a "Why Bother?" life? How will I draw closer to Jesus so I can ask him "What is it have me here to do?"
- What must I release to start moving along the path Jesus is leading me down?
- What will I do to abide in Jesus daily?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Intimacy Leads to Fulfilling Rewards

"I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me." Jesus Christ | John 17:21 (NLT)



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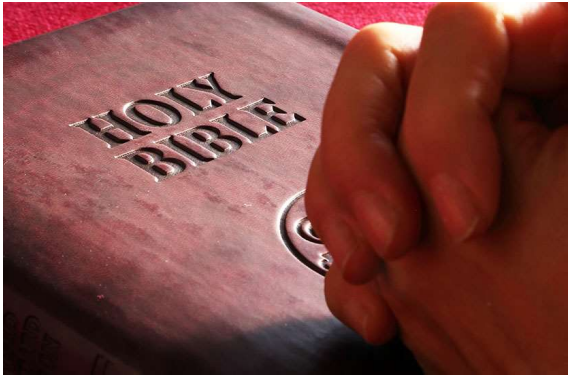
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