Managing Life
Two Defining Parables, Lk 15, 19

Compelling Invisible Truths  2 Cor 4:18 (Eternal Realities of Life)
1. There is a ___________ ________, who made everything.
2. There really is ________ after __________.
3. There really is a ____________ and a _________
4. All of us will stand before God and give an ___________ for our lives.
   And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.  Heb 9:27
5. The result of that judgment will determine our ________ destiny.
   Whether it be with God in heaven or separated from God in hell.

Our Source, Inspired Scripture, 2 Tim 3:16-17  “God breathed”
Equipped for the Work, God’s Work of Restoring His Creation,
Rescuing one person at a time, Col 1:13-14  through the Gospel

View #1) I Manage the Spheres in My Life

I make Daily Decisions:  Regarding the amount of Time and Effort
I dedicate to each sphere of my life.
I mind my own business, and live my life.
Rom 14:13  I don’t judge others
#2) I am a Steward of my Life

**Luke 19:11-27**

I am a **Steward** over these areas of my life, Under the headship of Jesus.

I function as an Ambassador of Jesus to the people **within each sphere of my life**.

I play a specific role in God’s Work to Rescue Others. Col 1:13-14

This requires me to **Engage** in the life of others.

It also requires me to become equipped for the Work.

**Related Scripture**

- **Gal 2:20**  
  *It is no longer I who live, But Christ lives in me...*
- **1 Cor 6:19-20**  
  *Do you not know... that you are not your own?  
  For you have been bought with a price...*
- **Acts 1:8**  
  *You shall be My **witnesses**...*
- **2 Cor 5:20**  
  *Therefore, we are **ambassadors for Christ**...*
- **Matt 6:33**  
  *Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness...*
- **Col 3:1-4**  
  *Keep seeking things above, where Christ is,  
  seated at the right hand of God.  
  **Set your mind on things above, not on things that are on earth.***
- **Rom 14:12**  
  *So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.*
Three Commands of Jesus
Matthew 22:36-40   Love _________   Love __________ 
Matthew 28:18-20   __________ _________

1. Love God
Starts with a decision of the heart, in response to all the God has done, 1 Jn 4:19 and then is expressed by actions, by keeping His commands. John 14:15
Expressed Privately,   Abide in Christ, John 15:1-11; John 8:31; Matt 6:6
Expressed Publically,   Assemble Together
to Encourage One Another, Heb 10:19-25

2. Love People, love your neighbor
Our neighbor, is any person God has brought into our life, Luke 10:30-37
For different types of “neighbors” our love is expressed differently
This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. John 15:12
Connect, Build One Another Relationships, Romans 12:10
Engage, Serve One Another, Gal 5:13; 1 Pet 4:8-11

3. Make Disciples
All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matt 28:18-20

What did Jesus Say?
Matt 4:19-20   The invitation
Matt 5:13-16   Be Salt & Light
Matt 16:24-27   The Universal Call
Luke 14:25-35   The Cost of the Call
Luke 19:10    Why did Jesus Come?
Luke 19:11-27    Manage the Business until I Return
John 14:12-17   We are to carry on His Work
John 17:18-21; 20:21  Sent Ones
Acts 1:8   Power to be Witnesses
And Paul and Peter:
2 Cor 5:14-21   We are Ambassadors for Christ
1 Pet 3:13-16   Be ready to give an answer, with ___________ & ___________
Christian, Disciple, Disciple Maker

What is a Christian? One who is “born again” through faith in Christ

What is a Disciple? μαθητής mathetes a Learner and Follower

What is a Disciple Maker? One who influences others to follow Jesus

Discipleship: The intentional effort to come alongside someone, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, and speak the Word of God into their life, so that they take one step closer to Jesus.

Every believer is an Ambassador for Jesus Christ 2 Cor 5:14-21

a) Basic message, an Invitation: "We beg you, Be reconciled to God!"

b) Urgency behind the message, Heaven & Hell are Real (CT #3)

c) All the other commands in Scripture about walking worthy of our calling are so that we are qualified to speak on behalf of Jesus

Based on the command to Make Disciples,

I WILL ________________________________________________________________

Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor 15:58