

NO REGRETS

LIVE A FULFILLED LIFE

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Many of us live with regrets and disappointments from the past. Is it possible to start over and live a life of no regrets? In Matthew 25, Jesus illustrates through a parable how we can start living a life of no regrets by remembering the 4 R's.

ROLE – LIVE A DEVOTED LIFE (Matthew 25:14)

To live with no regrets, we must know our **ROLE**. In the parable, the master is the owner, and the servants are the “managers” of the possessions entrusted to them (Matthew 25:14). Psalm 50:10-12 tells us that God owns everything. All that we have, including our life belongs to Him. In fact, God owns us twice: by virtue of creation and by virtue of redemption. He created us first and then bought us out of the sin market through Jesus' death on the cross (1 Corinthians 6:20). Once we understand our role, we will learn to love and be completely **DEVOTED** to our Master. It is love that will help us fulfill our role and serve Him beyond what is expected.

RESPONSIBILITY – LIVE AN INTENTIONAL LIFE (Matthew 25:15-18)

To live with no regrets, we must know our **RESPONSIBILITY**. In the parable, the master entrusted something precious and of great value to his servants according to their ability, which they are to manage and be responsible for. A steward or manager is one who administers what belongs to the owner. His responsibility is to find out what the owner wants done with the assets and carry out his will. The Lord has entrusted to us time, talent, treasure, truth, family, influence, and opportunities. Our responsibility is to manage all of these us according to His purposes. We must be **INTENTIONAL** in finding out and doing what our Master wants. That is why we need to read and study God's word - the Bible - so we can align with His purpose and will for our life.

this week's memory verse

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 PETER 4:10

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RECKONING – LIVE AN EXAMINED LIFE

(Matthew 25:19)

To live with no regrets, we must understand that there will be a day of RECKONING. Paul teaches us in 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 that it should be our ambition in life to be pleasing to the Lord because we will all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an account for how we lived (Romans 14:10,12). Just as a pilot who constantly checks the direction of the plane to make sure it stays on course towards the destination, we need to **EXAMINE** our life so that we do not go through life in the wrong direction. We must be careful how we live, making the most of our time as though it is the last day of our life. We plan long-term but we live day by day.

REWARDS OR REGRETS – LIVE A DEPENDENT LIFE

(Matthew 25:20-30)

Life is about choices. If we choose wisely, we have REWARDS. Otherwise, we have REGRETS. The Bible tells us that the first two servants were faithful and doubled the talents entrusted to them. The master was pleased and said, *'Well done, good and faithful slaves (commendation). You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things (promotion); enter into the joy of your master (joy).'* On the other hand, the third servant was called 'wicked and lazy' because he did not do anything with what was entrusted to him. He lost what was given him and was thrown in a place of eternal regret. To please our Master, we need to be completely **DEPENDENT** on the Holy Spirit who will empower us to be faithful managers of everything our Good Master has entrusted to us.

The secret to a fulfilled life can be summed by the acronym **D.I.E.D.** (Devoted, Intentional, Examined, Dependent). To live a life of no regrets is to die to ourselves and live by faith in the Son of God who loves us and gave Himself up for us (Galatians 2:20)!

discussion questions

Based on the message, what impacted you most and what will you apply?

How should we deal with our past mistakes?


What are the things you find difficult to surrender to the Lord?

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