



LESSON 4 // INVEST IN WHAT MATTERS

Big Idea: As you grow in your journey with Christ, you will naturally desire to fulfill the purpose God has for you. An important aspect of this is investing in what matters for eternity. When you invest in God's eternal kingdom, you get to be part of making an eternal impact! There's nothing more fulfilling than investing your time, talents and treasure in what truly matters.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV) *As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*

Start Talking:

How would you answer the question, "What matters most in your life"? How well does what you do day by day reflect this?

Start Thinking:

Read Ephesians 5:15, 16. What does it mean to "make the most of every opportunity" (verse 16) as a follower of Jesus? How should this impact the use of your time?

Read 1 Peter 4:10. How does God want you to use the gifts He has given you? What happens when you do this?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 6:38. Based on these verses, what should you do with the resources God provides in your life? What attitude and approach should you take toward these resources?

Read Malachi 3:10 and Matthew 23:23. What do these verses tell you about the importance of tithing as part of your relationship with God and your impact for His kingdom?

Start Praying:

Pray for God to give you faith and wisdom to make the most of your time, talents and resources for His Kingdom.

Start Doing:

Make a basic assessment of how you are using your time, talents and treasure and determine if you need to adjust some of what you are doing to have a greater impact for God's Kingdom with these resources.