



HOW TO MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT

Hebrews 11:23-27

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I. DISCOVER **WHO** GOD MADE YOU TO BE. (Hebrews 11:24)

The first secret of success is to find out who you are, who God made you to be, and then to **be yourself**.

II. ACCEPT **RESPONSIBILITY** FOR YOUR OWN LIFE. (Hebrews 11:24-25)

A. A mark of **maturity** is when you start accepting responsibility for your own life.

B. There are three facts of life all of us need to grab hold of:

1. We cannot live off of other people's **spiritual** commitment.
2. We can't **blame** others for the direction of our life.
3. No one can **ruin** my life except me.

III. ESTABLISH A **VALUE SYSTEM** WORTHY FOR YOUR LIFE. (Hebrews 11:24-26)

A. The word **to regard** means to evaluate, to consider, to weigh in the balance, to judge.

B. Values for Sugar Creek:

1. Truth **Matters** – We acknowledge the Bible as the perfect Word of God.
2. Total Dependence – Apart from God we can do nothing.

3. High **Expectation** – God’s provision deserves our greatest commitment.
4. Mutual Respect – We treat one another with love and care.
5. **Eternal** Impact – We seek to make a forever difference in people’s lives.
6. Generational **Relevance** – We communicate the unchanging message of Christ to an ever changing world.

Romans 12:2 “Do not **conform** any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

C. What is the world's value system?

1. **Pleasure**.
2. Possessions.
3. **Power** and prestige.

1 John 2:16 “For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh** (pleasure), and the **lust of the eyes** (possessions), and **the pride of life** (power and prestige), is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

Lust means to go beyond the limits God intends.

- D. God’s **people** are more valuable than pleasures. (Hebrews 11:25)
- E. God's **peace** is more valuable than possessions. (Hebrews 11:26)
- F. God's **purpose** is more valuable than prestige. (Hebrews 11:24)

V. NEVER TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THE **GOAL**. (Hebrews 11:26-27)

- A. Successful people are **focused** people.
- B. The key to perseverance is to embrace **delayed** gratification.

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