

A PROPER LIFE PERSPECTIVE

WHY I AM HERE

(How I should strive to spend all my time-What am I doing now????)

1. To Bring Him the Glory He Deserves

Acknowledge Him in all my ways (not another, my plight or my desires)

Obey Him/ Honor Him and His Word

Proclaim/Exalt Him

Worship only Him (Fixed on, need, serve)

Psalm 145:1-7 I will extol You, My God, O King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works I will meditate. Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, and I will tell of Your greatness. They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness and shout joyfully of Your righteousness.

Deuteronomy 13:4 You shall follow the Lord Your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.

I Corinthians 10:31 Whether then you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2. To Behold (keep looking at) His Beauty and Live Delighting in Him for It

Treasure/Value/delight

Keep in front of me

Adore/Praise

Marvel at/In awe at

Psalm 27:4 One thing I have asked of the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and meditate in His temple.

Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Psalm 43:4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy, and upon the lyre I shall praise you, O God, my God.

Psalm 16:8 I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 63:1-5 My O God you are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul

thirsts for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Thus, I have seen You in the Sanctuary, to see Your power and your glory. Because your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips will praise you...my soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness and my mouth offers praise with joyful lips.

Phil 3: 7-8 But whatever things were gain [what I valued/hoped in/depended on] to me, those things I have counted loss [futility/detriment] for the sake of Christ; more than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of [learned the detriment/futility of seeking after] all things and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

3. To Be Loved and Cared For By Him as His very own

Wanted and delighted in (though don't deserve it)
Shepherded (provided for, protected, helped, taught)
Perfectly Fathered (adopted, committed to my good at all times, blesses perfectly and desires to bless more-especially with Himself and His grace, permits and withholds perfectly)

Psalm 95:7 For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 100:3 Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For He is a God of justice; How blessed are those who long for Him.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord Your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps his covenant and His loving-kindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

4. To Become More Christ-like

Emulate His Character/ways
Love of the Father
Serve and sacrifice for others
Fulfill Kingdom interests, God given responsibilities and God's priorities
(Not my will but Thine...)

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Mark 10:45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many.

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren, only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Romans 12:10-11 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God

Mark 14:36 ... Yet not what I will, but what you will.

Phil 2:8 ... humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death.

5. To Proclaim the Good News

Have God's perspective of people and the World
Be ready
Make the Most of every opportunity

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, A Holy Nation, A people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify Christ in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is within you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

Psalm 96:2-4 Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

6. To Hope in Him Alone

Look to and Long for God's greatest thing/promise-**Heaven!**
Need only Him-Have to have only Him
Trust and Cling to His Character and promises in my circumstances
Go to Only Him as refuge

Psalm 73:25-28 Whom have I in heaven but you? And besides You I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of heart and my portion (all I need) forever... But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

I Tim. 5:10 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially believers

Psalm 62:5 My soul wait in silence (peace) for God only, for my hope is from Him.

Deut. 32:4 The Rock His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice

All THROUGH: Abiding in Him/His Love (Jn 15:1-11-Acknowledge, Need, follow, Thank), Renewing the Mind (Romans 12:2), Confession & Repentance (specific plan to change), and the Body of Christ.

***Prayer/Communion-Acknowledgement, Dependence and Thankfulness**

For strength	To be fully devoted	For God to Use
About my Flesh	To open the eyes of my heart to your truth/my life	
For Others	For God's Glory and will in my life	

Psalm 5:3 In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to you and eagerly watch.

Psalm 105:4 Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually

I Kings 8:58 That He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways...Let your heart therefore be fully devoted to the Lord our God to walk in all His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, O Lord; I will walk in your truth; Unite my heart to fear your name.

Matt 6:9 Pray, then, in this way: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed Be thy name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.

Jn 15: 1-11 I am the True Vine...Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing...By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

***Desiring/Pursuing/Following after Christ through the things of the Spirit**

<u>TheWord:</u>	Fellowship	Service	Obedience
(Med.-Appl.)	Accountability	Alertness	Evangelism
Prayer	Personal Worship	Diligence	Confession/Repentance

Galatians 5:16-17 But I say, walk by the spirit, and you shall not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Romans 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Col 3:1-4 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things that are on the earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart with all diligence for from it flow the springs of life.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

WHAT I AM NOT HERE FOR...

(How I should strive to spend none of my time-Am I doing any now???)

1. To Live For Self

My Affirmation/Acceptance	My Recognition/Success/Fame
My desires	My Gratification/Pleasure/Entertainment
My Goals	My "Happiness"
My Independence	My Protection
My Reputation	My Control
My Being Served	My Ease/Lack of Difficulty/Safety

2 Corinthians 5:15 And He died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

1 Peter 4:1-7 Therefore since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles...the end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer (*communion*).

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ...you are not your own. For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God with your body.

2. To Live for Others

Their Approval/Acceptance	Their "Perfect" Love
Their Being all I Need	My Being All They Need
Their "happiness"/desires (w/o biblical bounds)	

Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the favor of men or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I could not be a bond-servant of Christ.

Acts 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

2 Corinthians 5:9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him

3. To Live for the Temporary

Money/riches	A Nice Home	Marriage	Good Marriage
Earthly Pleasures	Children	Material things	Good Children
Good Health			

Matthew 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroys, and where thieves break in and steal; for where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

Psalm 34:9 O fear the Lord, you His saints; for those who fear Him there is no want. The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they who seek the Lord will not lack any good (*perfect for them*) thing.

Colossians 3:1-4 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on things that are on the earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with Him in glory.

Psalm 16: 2 I said to the Lord, You are my Lord; I have no good besides You.”

THROUGH: (any one or more of the below)

***Self-Deception** (Agreeing with The Deceiver-Satan)

False confidence: “I’m Good/Righteous Enough” or

“I’m in God’s Kingdom-I Prayed a Prayer!”

Compromise: “No biggie”; “No real consequences”; “I’m Fine-This is Fine”

Believing Less than God and His Best is Most Blessed: “This (my desire)

Is best”; “This will bring me the happiness/peace” I need/want

James 1:22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves...one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in all he does

2Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by His craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

Isaiah. 45:9 Woe to the one who quarrels with His maker-an earthen vessel among the vessels of the earth! Will the clay say to the potter, “What are you doing?” or the thing you are making say, “He has no hands?”

***Disobedience**

Sin “My Way Over God’s Way”

Following Lusts (pleasure, comfort, control, high esteem, wealth/possessions)

Not learning God’s Truth/Way

Being a hearer and not a doer of God’s Word (not applying it to my daily life)

Proverbs 5:22-23 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and he will be held with the cords of His sin. He will die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

Psalm 81:11 But my people did not listen to my voice, and Israel did not obey Me. So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own devices.

Romans 6:12-13 So Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Proverbs 13:15 Good understanding giveth favor, but the way of the transgressor is hard.

***Taking God for Granted/Miss-Focused**

God Himself	Not Delighting In/Glorifying
God's Word	Self-sufficiency/Lack of Prayer/Independence
God's Patience	Lack of Confession and True Repentance
God's Perfect Way	Satisfied with or Seeking Less/Something else

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows this he will also reap. For one who sows to his flesh will of his flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Deuteronomy 8:11 Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments...otherwise when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them...and all that you have multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God...

Deuteronomy 32:18 You neglected the Rock who begot you and forgot the God who gave you birth.

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils: They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, to hewn for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that no water can hold.

***Making Provision for The Flesh**

Flirting with temptation by allowing situations of temptation
No radical amputation (removal) of whatever feeds personal lust tendencies
Not having an alert war/battle mindset against the flesh and the schemes of the Devil.

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision

for the flesh in regard to it's lusts.

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

Ephesians 6:11-18 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand against the schemes of the devil...therefore take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything to stand firm...truth... righteousness...preparation of the gospel...faith...salvation...the Word of God with all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit.

1 Peter 4:1-7 Therefore since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourself with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles...

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active duty entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.