

FAQs

How can I live life to the fullest? How do I live to make life count?

Matthew 10:39- Lose your life for Jesus' sake

Acts 19:9b,10 Paul shares how he and the church of Ephesus made a tremendous impact for Christ in this world.

1) Define your purpose through the one who gives life its purpose.

- i) Acts 20:24 Paul identifies his past life was not a worthy goal
- ii) Acts 20:24 Paul now has a single focus to measure his life.

2) Tell the truth.

- a) Twice in Paul's speech he says, "I did not shrink from declaring" the entire truth (vv. 20, 27).
- b) Paul gives two examples of how he continued to share the truth. Acts 20;19,31

3) Direct people toward Jesus (not toward self).

- a) Paul defines his ministry as one filled with "humility and with tears and with trials" (Acts 20:19).
- b) The Greek word Paul used for "humility" was used outside of the Bible as an insult
 - i) Paul's wanted to leave people not with an example to admire, but a Savior to trust in.

4) Finish strong

- a) The sure way to not make a life count is to quit.
- b) You finish through a pure heart and not a divided heart. Acts 20:24

5) Give more than you take

- a) Paul thought of a fulfilled life as one in which he gave more than he took (Acts 20:35).
- b) Where do we get the strength to give more than we take? Only by looking to Christ.
 - i) Start with commitment to God and his word and allow Christ to master you. (Acts 20:32; Rev 2:1-4)
- c) Take time to appreciate the beauty of what God builds in you (Acts 20:36-38) so you never forget what his Grace has done.