

PROMISES

The Promise of Generosity

(Psalm 112:5-6) Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

A generous life leaves a _____:

- Where _____ lives on.
- _____ to something that will outlive me.
- _____ so my life outlives me.

The 2-Question Test

(Romans 14:10-12) You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.' " So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

- **What did you do with _____ ?**

(Revelation 20:11-12) Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

(Matthew 7:21-23) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

The Right Answer: "I knew Him personally."

- **What did you do with _____ ?**

(2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

(Matthew 16:27) For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

The Right Answer: "I gave my life away."

Driven By Eternity

(Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart.

1. I will intentionally _____.

(2 Corinthians 9:11) You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2. I will intentionally _____.

(Matthew 20:26-28) Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

3. I will intentionally _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT) We are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

(Luke 14:23 LB) Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My house will be full.

(Mark 16:15 NCV) Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

Why?

(1 Timothy 6:17-19) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

- There is _____ to this life than _____.