



THRIVING – Living For More Than Just This Life

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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Read [1 Corinthians 15:19](#)
 - God is using the words of Paul to challenge us in this verse.
2. Are your prayers like a shopping list (asking God to give you things to bless you in this world)?
3. Is your hope in Christ in relation to your life in this world?

Engage:

4. Do you keep Christ in your life as collateral? To be there when you face a crisis?
5. Let's take a look at Paul - How does Paul's life connect with these words he has spoken?
 - Paul was the son of one of the richest men in the city of Tarshish.
 - His father owned a shipping business.
 - There was no lack of wealth.
 - He sat under the feet of Gamaliel, one of the finest teachers.
 - He had one of the best educations.
6. Read [Philippians 3:4-7](#)
7. What is Paul saying in these verses?
8. What is the challenge Paul give us in 1 Corinthians 15:19?

Framework:

9. Read [Hebrews 11:23-25](#)
10. Where do you stand in this life?
11. Look at Moses who had everything and made a choice to choose affliction over the passing pleasures of sin.
12. How do you make a choice in your life?

13. Does a hope in Christ matter to you?

14. Read [Hebrews 11:26-27](#)

- Moses decided the flamboyant, royal, luxurious life was not good for him. Why? Because he didn't want to be taken in by this life only.

“You must drop something in order to hold onto something else.”

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15. Have you made a choice between this life and a life with God?

- There is a call upon your life, a purpose for you to live in this world. We know this life is only temporary.

16. Are you the man in 1 Corinthians 15:19?

17. Is what you're doing for the purpose of this life only?

18. Read [Luke 12:20](#)

- That's the challenge that comes to every one of us today; God is calling us a “fool” if we put our trust only in this life. If we get carried away with the great business, harvest, lands and everything that we have. If we put our trust only in these things, God will call us fools.

19. God is not against wealth. But if He's not against wealth, what is He against? God is against people storing up and hoarding possessions for themselves.

“It is wrong to be foolish and wealthy. But it is right to be wise and wealthy.”

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