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CRUCIAL KEYS TO LIVING A LIFE OF PURPOSE

In his book *Acts 29*, Dr. Terry Teykl recounts how the mayor of a small town was driving through the city square when he noticed two workers doing something rather unusual. Working very steadily, one of the men was digging a hole in the ground and the other was filling it back in. After watching them dig and fill several holes, the mayor confronted the two workers and asked for an explanation. “Well, sir,” replied the first man, “we work for the city planting trees and usually there are three of us – one to dig the hole, one to plant the tree and one to cover it up. The guy who plants the tree called in sick today, but,” he proudly announced, “we’re here and we’re doing our jobs anyway.”



There’s something to be said for hard work – but deep down all of us want our work to have purpose. And what if we looked beyond our work for other ways to accomplish God-honoring purposes in *all* areas of our lives? How would we use the money God had entrusted to us? Suddenly, we have a whole new perspective on our spending, savings, and Estate Planning.

Consider Psalm 24:1, “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” This Scripture reminds us that God is the rightful Owner of everything. Once we recognize that all we have comes *from* God and belongs *to* Him, it should change how we view what we “own” and the long-range plans for life.

Consider how living with attention to God’s purpose looks in each of the following areas:

Our time. *How does God want me to spend it?* Becoming wise with our use of time often requires an adjustment in priorities. Learning to say ‘no’ to some *good* things in favor of God’s *best* for us can be difficult but worthwhile.

Our talents. *What abilities can I honor God with?* God created you with unique gifts to do special work for Him. Recognizing, developing and using them for His glory is your gift back to God.

Our resources. *Where should I be investing my hard-earned dollars?* Providing for the future of your family and leaving a legacy by including Rockford Rescue Mission in your Will are wisely planted seeds that will bear much lasting fruit (John 15:16).

When we live for eternal purposes our lives become a true reflection of God’s goodness – and cultivate a deeper sense of value and worth. May we live with His eternal purposes in mind.

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PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION IN YOUR WILL

- I’d like to learn more about updating my estate plan.
- I have already included Rockford Rescue Mission in my Will, Trust, or Estate Plan.

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