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Over the last couple of weeks, we have discussed how to discover our passion, as well as how to start a Mission Possible Life. Today, I want to briefly dive into what guides Mission Possible living.

First, it is the life of Jesus - His birth, ministry, teachings, death, burial, and resurrection - that make the mission we are called to and equipped for possible. His life is our ultimate example. Second, it's our willingness to say 'yes' to that mission. Intentions are meaningless without action.

And third, it's consistently engaging with God's Word for strength and guidance to sustain mission living. As you pray about, and live out, your God-given mission here on earth, I want to share 5 Bible verses that will encourage you to make your life count for Jesus and for people.

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EPHESIANS 2:10

“For we are his **workmanship**, created in **Christ Jesus** for good works, which **God prepared beforehand**, that we should walk in them.”

One of the fundamental elements of living a mission possible life is realizing that, in Christ, you have good works to do! This is one of my favorite verses in the Bible because it gives our lives purpose!

What are your specific good works? Honestly, I'm not sure. But what I do know is that they are specifically just for you. See, you were created unique, one-of-one - in love, by love, and for love - and part of that creation package includes God's amazing plan for your life!

In this passage, the author says we are God's 'workmanship.' I don't know about you, but I don't fully understand the the word 'workmanship' (maybe it's because I was homeschooled?). Other translations translate this word as "masterpiece." Now, I understand 'masterpiece!' All I have to do is look at my wife!

The Greek word here for 'masterpiece' is poi ma. It's where we get our English word 'poem.' So, before you were ever born, the Creator of the universe wrote an incredible poem about your life! Because you are God's masterpiece, there is nothing boring, bland, or insignificant about you. You are divine poetry in motion.

In my newest resource, Mission Possible Bible Study, we dive deep into acknowledging this truth. Though mankind is not a piece of writing, we are a master work in which our human makeup was carefully (and specifically) chosen to reflect the image of God. We were designed to live on purpose and for purpose with our Creator.

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COLOSSIANS 3:17

“And whatever you do, whether in **word or deed**, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.”



Living mission possible means striving to do and be your best in whatever you do for the glory of God. Not for the praise or approval of man. But for an audience of One. Whether a barista, a full-time parent, a student, an athlete, or a CEO, your work and intentions matter, and should be considered as worship to God.

What do I mean by this? Well...

In the Hebrew word *avad*, three ideas converge to form a unique relationship. In the Old Testament, the word is used to express the English concepts of work, worship, or service.

See, the ancient Jews integrated these three words in one. Though *avad* wasn't their primary word for "worship," they still understood that their work and service acted as worship to God. (Even in the New Testament, Paul makes this parallel in Romans 12:1.)

A mission possible life must be shaped by an *avad* mindset. Our work, service, and worship cannot be categorically separated. "Whatever we do, whether in word or deed" - must be seen as an opportunity to live with and for Jesus.

In Mission Possible, I share three ways on how this concept has truly influenced the way I approach life. Even if you feel like you have little to offer, God can turn obedience into significance. Right where you are, choose to use what you have for the glory of God.

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LUKE 10:27

“The one who **showed mercy** to him,” he said. Then Jesus told him, “**Go and do the same.**”

A lawyer once peppered Jesus with questions. In response to Jesus' commandment to love your neighbor (Lk 10:29), the lawyer asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus responded by telling him the story about the Good Samaritan. If you've never read it before, check it out!

A traveler headed to Jericho is beaten by robbers and left for dead on the side of the road. A Jewish priest comes by and does nothing. A second man, a Levite, passes the dying man and he, too, does nothing. Finally a Samaritan man arrives on scene. Although culturally, tensions run high between Samaritans and Jews, the Samaritan man has compassion and helps the injured man (who most scholars assume was Jewish). The Samaritan took care of his wounds, brought him to an inn, and even paid for his stay while he recovered.

After sharing this story, Jesus asked the lawyer, “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” The man replied, “The one who showed mercy to him.” He was absolutely right. But, Jesus didn't just give him an A+ for answering the question correctly. He responded, “Go and do the same.”

To whom are you supposed to show neighborly love? Everyone. A mission possible life is defined by acts like these. Jesus commands us to love God and love others (Matt. 22:37-39). Even when you're busy? Yes. Even when you may not like the person? Yes. When it comes to loving people, living mission possible plays no favorites. Jesus wasn't selective in who He died for, so we too, cannot be selective in who we show compassion toward. As the Samaritan chose the traveler's best interest, choose the best interest of other people and act on their behalf.

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EPHESIANS 5:15-16



“Pay **careful attention**, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but **as wise**—making the most of the time...”

Do you live with a sense of urgency? Do you feel like you currently maximize the amount of time you’re given each day?

Here, in Ephesians, Paul connects wisdom with time management. He urges readers to take advantage of every opportunity. He understands life is short, and with the endless distractions we face, it’s easy to mission drift.

When I read this verse, I’m reminded of the Broadway show, Hamilton -- Lin Manuel Miranda’s musical retelling of the life of U.S. founding father, Alexander Hamilton. It’s my favorite musical! I’ve seen it three times! The third time I watched it, I was struck by a few lines in the song “Non-stop.” It goes like this:

*“How do you write like you’re running out of time?
Write day and night like you’re running out of time?
Every day you fight, like you’re running out of time
Like you’re running out of time.”*

I was transfixed by the urgency with which Hamilton had lived his life. I thought to myself, would my life be described with such effort and non-stop urgency? I hope so. And I hope you want that too.

In John 9, Jesus tells his disciples, “Night is coming...” That line echoes in my head. Night is coming...I must make the most of my time. As believers, we know that one day Jesus is coming back. But until then, we have a mission on this earth: to share His love with others. The world is filled with hurting people who need to hear the Good News. We must live our lives with a sense of urgency in how we love, give to, and serve others. That’s mission living!

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:25

“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it **to get a crown that will last forever.**”

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Writing to the church in Corinth, Paul instructs his readers to pursue what actually lasts. This is where context matters. Most scholars suggest Paul is using this athletic metaphor on purpose.

You see, located less than 10 miles from Corinth was the city of Isthmia - a city known for hosting the Isthmian Games (an ancient Panhellenic sporting event). These games probably started around the 6th century BC and reoccurred every 2 years in the spring. Athletes would train and travel from all over to compete.

In the Isthmian Games, victors would have been awarded a ‘crown’ or wreath made of withered pine or celery leaves. Paul’s making a comparison here. He describes this type of crown as perishable. And he’s right; a crown of celery or pines leaves won’t last. Modern medals, trophies, and other awards won’t last either. They’re not a bad thing, they just can’t be our everything.

In living mission possible, we should work hard, exercising discipline in all we do - not for the purpose of winning temporary, material awards - but so that our efforts affect eternity. Mission possible is about pursuing what matters most, that is, what lasts forever - God, His Word, and people.

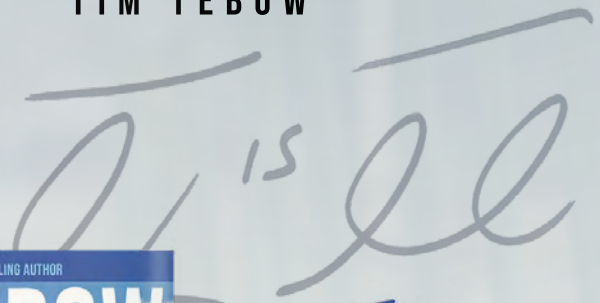


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I hope these verses were encouraging to you! They've all impacted my life in special ways. For more on mission possible living, here's a free chapter from Mission Possible: Go Create A Life That Counts!

I hope this book encourages you and I can't wait to see what kind of impact you have!

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