

Balance

The Purpose for This Series:

1. To put our _____ and our possessions in proper _____.
2. To find _____ in a fast-paced, off-centered _____.
3. To find balance as a _____ so that God can use us to reach our part of the world for His _____ sake.

What is the Secret to Success?

John Wooden, long-time coach of the UCLA Bruins said: "Success in basketball is dependent on _____ & _____.
Success in life is dependent on _____ and _____."

For a believer this is accurate but we would add _____.

Eph. 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Two Principles that We Must Understand

1. God owns _____!
2. God allows you to _____ (be a steward over) certain things.

The Wisest Man That Ever Lived Said . . .

Eccl. 7: 18 It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. The man who fears God will avoid all [extremes].

Eccl. 1:2 "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." (Ecc. 9:11)

Three Over-Arching Areas of Balance

1. Your _____

Prov. 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Mark 10:21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

2. Your _____

John 18:37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born,

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

3. Your _____

Eph. 5:16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Luke 10:42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better. . .

Five Other Areas that Need Balance

1. Your _____ --

Eccl. 7:16 Do not be overrighteous, neither be overwise . . .

Balance in _____

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Balance in _____ (spiritual gifts)

Balance in _____

2. Your _____ --

1Tim. 5:8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Your spouse— _____ and _____

Eccl. 9:9 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun

Your children/siblings/parents – _____ and _____

Eccl. 6:3 A man may have a hundred children and live many years; yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity and does not receive proper burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.

3. Your _____

Eccl. 5:10 Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

Eccl. 10:19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes life merry, but money is the answer for everything.

Be careful to not _____ money!

Be careful to balance the _____ of your money!

4. Your _____

_____ fitness – (diet, sleep, exercise)

_____ fitness – stretching your mind

Eccl. 12:12 Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.

_____ fitness –

Eccl. 2:23 All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

5. Your _____

Eccl. 11:8 However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all. But let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. Everything to come is meaningless.

Final Thoughts?