

FOLLOW-THROUGH GUIDE

WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

HOW TO HAVE A PRODUCTIVE LIFE

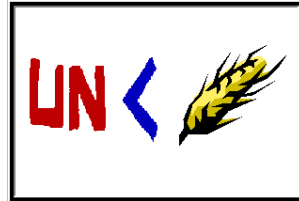
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MEMORY VERSE

TOPIC: SERVICE

John 12:24 (NIV)

Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.



Jesus' teaching is unique and provocative. "To save your life you must lose it." "To really live you must die." "To have a blessed eternity you must hate your life in this world." "The greatest people will be humble servants." This message looks at what it means for a follower of Jesus to die to self.

READINGS	YOUR NOTES & ACTION STEPS
MONDAY Mark 4:1-20	
TUESDAY John 10:1-18	
WEDNESDAY John 12:23-26	Review your notes from Sunday's message Review the outline points and verses and follow through on your "Growing Point." The sermon is online for further review.
THURSDAY Colossians 3:1-17	
FRIDAY Romans 6:1-14	

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INTRO: THE KEY TO A PRODUCTIVE LIFE IS DYING

John 12:24 (NIV) - Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

Mark 4:20 (NIV) - Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

Mark 4:13-20 (NIV) - ¹³ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? ¹⁴ The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

1. LIVE BY _____

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV) - And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2. PUT TO DEATH _____ PASSIONS & DESIRES

Galatians 5:24 (NLT2) - Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Romans 8:13 (NIV) - For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) - ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV) - ¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

3. LIVE AS PART OF THE _____

Ephesians 4:16 (NIV) - From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

John 15:12-13 (NIV) - ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 John 3:16 (NIV) - This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

4. SET YOUR MIND ON _____

Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV) - ¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Galatians 6:14 (NIV) - May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

John 12:25 (NIV) - Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12:26 (NIV) - Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

CONC: AFTER DEATH COMES ETERNAL LIFE

Romans 6:4-8 (NIV) - ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) - Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Dear God. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for my sin. I want to give you control of my life. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of the Holy Spirit and eternal life. Help me to know you better and to learn from the Bible how I can live a life that pleases you and helps others. Amen.
(If you pray this prayer please indicate that on your feedback form).

GROWING POINT How will I apply this? Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. [Jesus] John 13:17.
