***A Life of Intentionality***

I Corinthians 9: 19-27

 **19**For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. **20**To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; **21**to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. **22**To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. **23**I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it. **24**Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. **25**Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. **26**Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; **27**but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

**Why we choose to live intentionally:**

God’s intentional love for us

Ephesians 1:3-5

 **3**Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, **4**just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love **5**He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself

God gets the glory

Ephesians 2:1-5

 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, **2**in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. **3**Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. **4**But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5**even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

God said so

Ephesians 2:17-19

 **17**And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; **18**for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. **19**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household,

**Belief to Behavior:**

Walk worthy

Ephesians 4:1-3

 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, **2**with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, **3**being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:17-24

 **17**So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, **18**being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; **19**and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. **20**But you did not learn Christ in this way, **21**if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, **22**that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, **23**and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24**and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Work with Your Own Hands

Ephesians 4:28

 **28**He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.

Use Your Time Wisely

Ephesians 5:15-21

**15**Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, **16**making the most of your time, because the days are evil. **17**So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18**And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, **19**speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; **20**always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; **21**and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Work as Unto the Lord

Ephesians 6:7-8

 **7**With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, **8**knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.