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For Your Consideration

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Passive or Active?

While going through some difficult times, I put a sign up on my office wall that read: **“It’s up to You to Make the Day a Success.”** It reminded me that one must take charge of his or her thoughts and actions. No one else can do it for you.

Take Charge of Your Thoughts

Push your problems that are beyond your control into the background as much as possible, and let your mind dwell on nobler things.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8



Take Charge of Your Actions

Think of others. Do some kind deed. Say a kind word. Pray for those you know who are less fortunate. Lift the spirits of someone downtrodden. Share the Good News. Spend time in prayer. Count your blessings.

The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9



Seize the Day: Make the Most of the Present Moment.

Hoping things will be better, wishing things to improve, looking to others to make your day, causes one to be passive. **Be active! Make your day!**

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

GALATIANS 6:10

— It’s Up to You. Take Charge!—

WORLD (KOSMOS)

THE EARTH WITH ITS INHABITANTS

[Selected Passages from the New Testament concerning the “world.”]

YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN THE WORLD

Matthew 5:14 — You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Philippians 2:15-16 — . . . prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life . . .

IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

John 15:19 — If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 17:14-16 — I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

1 Corinthians 4:13 — when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

1 Corinthians 5:10 — I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

James 4:4 — You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 John 2:15-16 — Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

NOT CONFORMED TO THE WORLD

Romans 12:2 — And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

WISDOM OF THE WORLD IS FOOLISH

1 Corinthians 1:20 — Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1 Corinthians 3:19 — For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, “He is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness;”

ONE IS NOT ALONE IN RESISTING THE WORLD

1 Peter 5:9 — But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

ESCAPE FROM WORLDLINESS

2 Peter 1:4 — For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

2 Peter 2:20 — For if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

Matthew 16:26 — For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

WORRY OF THE WORLD

Matthew 13:22 — And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Mark 4:19 — and the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Luke 12:29-30 — And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

THE WORLD NEEDS TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:15 — And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

John 3:16-17 — For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.

John 8:12 — Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

2 Corinthians 5:19 — . . . God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Opportunity may only knock once, but temptation will bang on the door repeatedly.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58



Ponder
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10 WAYS TO MAKE THE MOST OF BIBLE CLASS

- ❶ Attend promptly and regularly.
- ❷ Bring your Bible.
- ❸ Come prepared. If there is a lesson book or lesson sheet, review it beforehand.
- ❹ Participate in the class. Share the fruits of your study with others.
- ❺ Listen carefully to what the teacher and other students have to say.
- ❻ Take notes. This will help you remember.
- ❼ Disagree sweetly. Your attitude will make it easier for them to consider your comment.
- ❽ Show the teacher your appreciation. A word or note of encouragement does wonders.
- ❾ Talk up the class. Show some enthusiasm. Share with someone else what you have learned. Invite others to attend with you.
- ❿ **Application!** This is probably the most difficult part, but a Bible class is of little value if the lessons learned are not applied to everyday life.

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*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.*

Titus 2:11-12

Singing with the Understanding . . .



1 Corinthians 14:15

*[It's good from time to time to just read the words of the hymns we sing—without any thought of how it is sung.]*

## Take My Life and Let It Be

1

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

3

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.

4

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as Thou shalt choose.

5

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

6

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee.

—FRANCES HAVERGAL

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