





STRIVE PURPOSEFULLY

For things of lasting value in the Kingdom of God



LIVE CONTENTEDLY

In regard to Materialism, Hedonism and Vanity

1 Corinthians 9:18-19

What is my pay? It is the special joy I get from preaching the Good News without expense to anyone ... And this has a real advantage: I am not bound to obey anyone just because he pays my salary; yet I have freely and happily become a servant of any and all so that they will listen to the Gospel and I can win them to Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:20-21

When I am with Jews I seem as one with them so that they will listen to the Gospel and I can win them to Christ. When I am with Gentiles who follow Jewish customs and ceremonies I don't argue, even though I don't agree, because I want to help them. When with the heathen I agree with them as much as I can, except of course that I must do what is right as a Christian. And so, by agreeing I can win their confidence and help them too.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

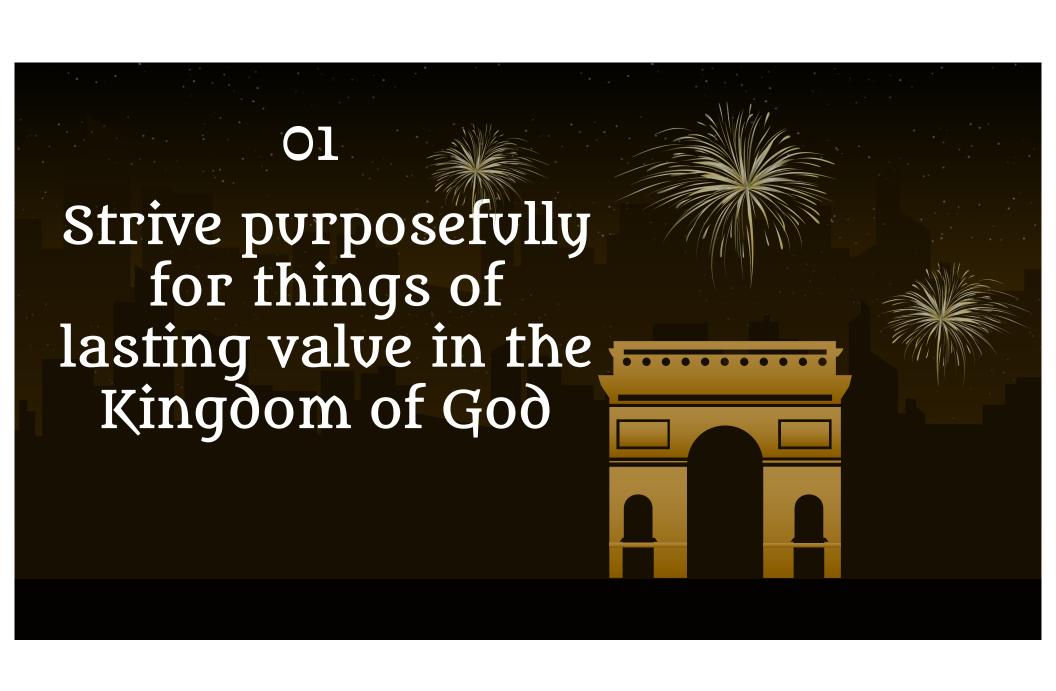
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1 Corinthians 9:24-26

In a race everyone runs but only one gets first prize. So run your race to win. To win the contest you must deny yourself many things that would keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win.



I'm not just shadow boxing or playing around. Like an athlete I punish my body, treating it roughly, training it to do what it should, not what it wants to. Otherwise I fear that after enlisting others for the race, I myself might be declared unfit and ordered to stand aside.







Where is our world going?

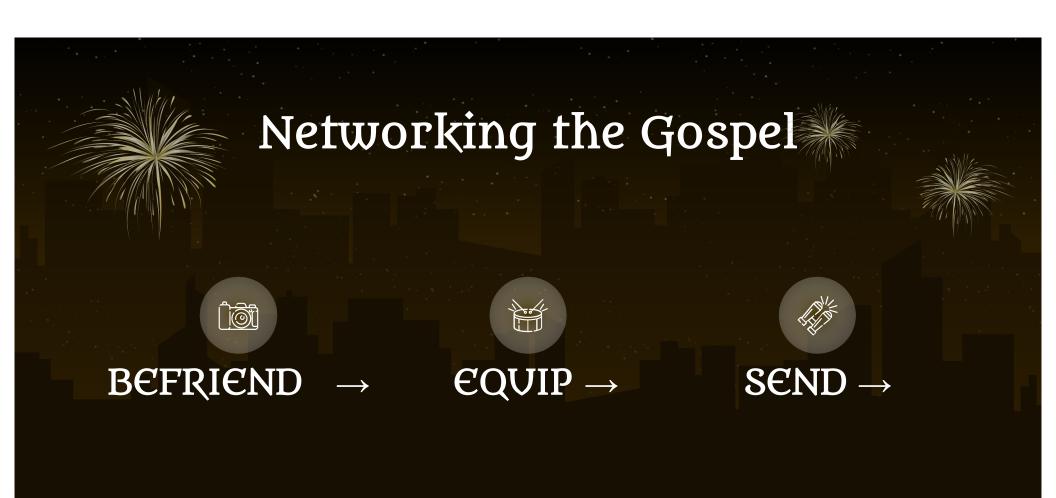




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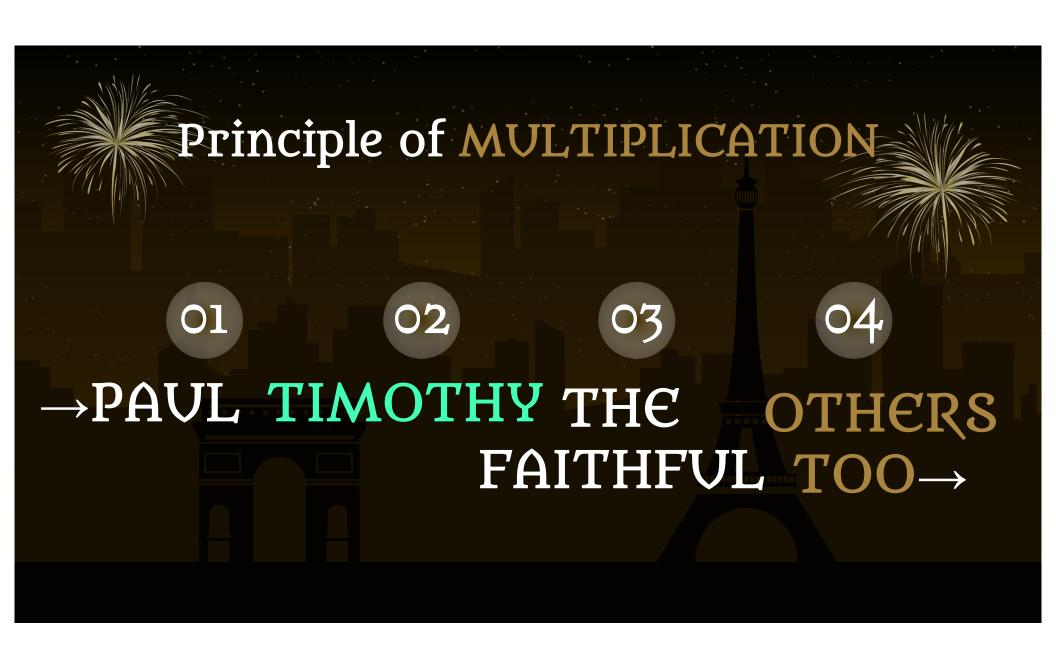
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What must we do?







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