

Life Lessons from Grandpa *(How to live a high quality life in the midst of a battle)*

Proverbs 6:6-8 NLT

Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and be wise! Even though they have no prince, governor, or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.

THE BIG IDEA: In the Kingdom of God little right things done over a long period of time pay huge dividends.

10 Little Right Things That Will Make all the Difference in Your Life

1. Love God with all your heart

(get to know Him through prayer, His Word, and intimate fellowship with other believers)

2. Become as physically healthy as you can

(eat smart, drink lots of water, lift some weight, and get some rest)

3. Live simply

(be less busy: spend less than you earn; become a generous and cheerful giver)

4. Be kind at all times

(avoid anger; forgive quickly and completely)

5. Always speak the truth as you understand it

(be a person of integrity)

6. Give your best to your family

(work hard while you are at work; then leave your work at work)

7. Don't worry

(take some risks --- be grateful in all circumstances)

8. Do all the good you can for all the people you can

(bear the burdens of others, help the poor, make disciples)

9. Develop some close friendships

10. (use kind words and shared experiences to build strong relationships)

10. Make pleasing God your primary goal in life

(hate sin {especially yours}; if God's Word says it --- JUST DO IT!!!)

2 Cor 5:9-10 NIV

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

The Importance of Prayer

1. “We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity but we accomplish little; many services but few conversions; much machinery but few results.” R. A. Torrey
2. I’d rather be able to pray than be a great preacher; Jesus never taught his disciples how to preach, but only to pray.” D. L. Moody
3. “It is a great thing to talk to men about God, but it is a far greater thing to talk to God about men.” E.M. Bounds
4. “No one comes to Christ but that another prays for him.” John Wesley
5. "The purpose of prayer is to get into step with God, not to manipulate or coerce Him into blessing personal plans. Prayer is not a preparation for work. It is work. Prayer is not a preparation for the battle. It is the battle. Prayer is two-fold: definite asking and definite waiting to receive.” Oswald Chambers

Prayer 101

(You will need a quiet place with no distractions, a Bible, and a note book and pen to record your observations)

1. **Thoughtfully read some Scripture; record what you believe God is teaching you.**
2. **Lift your spirit to God in praise for who He is**
3. **Thank Him for your many blessings**
4. **Sit quietly and listen for the voice of the Lord communicating with your spirit. Let Him lead you to:**
 - a. **Any sin you need to address in your life. Confess and determine to repent.**
 - b. **Others for whom you need to intercede.**
5. **Ask the Lord to address your concerns.**

