

*The Nitty-Gritty of Purpose, Plan & Values*

The Nitty-Gritty – Part 4

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Three Essential (Nitty-Gritty) Elements of a Great Life:

1. An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to motivate your life.

John 15:4-5 *Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Instruct Your Life.

Psalm 119:105-106 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn and I will confirm it, that I will keep Your righteous ordinances.*

Nitty-Gritty components of a great spirit-focused plan:

1. Daily time in prayer and Scripture reading in family or personal devotions.
2. Weekly time in worship in a Christ-centered congregation to connect with Christ and the body of Christ
3. Regular time in small group, relational spiritual support and accountability, to grow in faith and the life of discipleship.
4. Regular time spent serving and witnessing in some eternal mission that makes a difference in other people’s lives.
5. Godly stewardship of our financial resources, our time, and our physical health.
6. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to guide your life.
7. Develop an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 9:11-13 *When the Pharisees saw this (Jesus eating with tax collectors), they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

1. Live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 5:17-18 *Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”*

1. Make your faith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 6:15-16 *For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.*

1. Walk in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 4:8-9 *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, dwell on these things.*

1. Join/Create a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I Thessalonians 5:9-11 *For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 10:1-2 *Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. 2 And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John 15:11Jesus said, *"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”*

Point: You need a purpose, plan, and rules for become the new you.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What is your purpose in life? Where did that purpose come from? How does that purpose motivate your life? Is your purpose in life more than just self-preservation? Does your purpose last longer than a few months, years or decades?
2. What is your plan for life? Where did that plan come from? How are you doing with your plan? Where does your plan need tweaked or transformed with God’s plan? Does your plan include an eternal and spiritual perspective?
3. What are the values/rules that you live by? How do they instruct your life? Are they rooted in God’s values?