

Your Life – Psalm 14:2-4

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I. Introduction.

A. It matters whether we have people that care whether we sink or swim. (Psalm 142:4)

II. It is my life and I can do what I want to.

A. This indicates our life presently exists.

B. We have a choice.

C. We have to answer for ourselves. (Romans 14:4)

D. Life is very brief.

E. Life is a gift of God. (1 Corinthians 4:7)

F. Life is sustained by God. (Job 34:14-15; Colossians 1)

G. Life is the most precious possession we have.

H. Investing our lives gives us a measure of immortality. (Revelation 14)

III. The more we have been invested in, the more we have an obligation for investing in others. (Luke 12:47-48)

A. Everybody invests in something, and we have a choice about our investment.

B. Everybody is a slave to something. (Romans 6:16)

C. We can invest in the world or in the kingdom of God. (Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:15-16; Ecclesiastes 5:10-11; 2:1-2)

D. Everything in this world will go up in smoke. (2 Peter 3)

E. The only things that will last in this world is the Word of God and the human personality. (Luke 21:33)

IV. How to invest in people and the Word of God.

A. Most are not self-starters so ...

1. Pick an organization to help.

2. Find an individual to help you.

3. You can do nothing and put it off. (Matthew 25)

B. Your life making a difference for God does not depend on...

1. Geography. (Acts 8)
2. The nature of what you are doing. (Isaiah 20)
3. Circumstances. (Luke 10)
4. Production. (Judges 15)
5. Training.

C. Your life making a difference for God depends on having...

1. A life worth sharing. (1 John 4; John 20:21; 1 Timothy 3:16)
 - a. The Word of God. (Hebrews 4:12; 2 Corinthians 3:18)
 - b. Prayer.
 - c. Available for other people.
 - d. Following leaders. (Hebrews 13:7; Judges 7:17; 1 Corinthians 11:1)

D. We hesitate to invest because it costs our lives. (Isaiah 43:4; 2 Corinthians 12:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

V. The value of investing our lives.

Application questions:

1. Who has made a spiritual impact on you through investment?

2. How can you practically make an investment in other lives for eternity?

3. What is your long term plan for investing in God's Word? Explain.
