

Outline: "What if...you only had 49 days?"

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res·o·lu·tion: A resolve or determination: to make a firm resolution to do something or take a certain course of action.

"What if you only had...": The purpose of this series is to help you recognize the incredible resource you have been given called "time" and to embrace it and use it to its fullest potential.

Luke 12:16-19

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' "

Luke 12: Resolutions

Harvest a *large* crop (get rich)

Build *bigger* barns (keep getting richer)

Achieve financial security (work to retire)

Eat and Drink and be Merry (strive for comfort)

Live comfortably for a long time (or...try not to die)

'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." Luke 12: 20-21

2011 Resolutions

1. Love God more.

A. Spend more time with Him.

B. Obey God's commands.

Luke 11:28

"He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

2011 Resolutions

2) Love other people more.

A. Meeting physical needs.

B. Meeting spiritual needs.

ABC's Of Faith in Christ:

Admit: admit that you are a sinner.

Believe: believe that Jesus is God's Son sent to die on the cross for your sins.

Confess: confess Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior.

What Does "Being Rich" Really Mean?

- Being rich means growing in our understanding of who God is. He is love!
- Being rich means loving and enjoying people around you!
- Being rich means learning about your gifts and passions and using them to improve the world!
- Being rich means becoming more generous with the everything God has given you!
- Being rich means making that which is temporary become less important than that which is eternal!
- Being rich means savoring every minute we have been given in the game called life and use it to glorify our King until God says it's time to cash in!

Life Change Lesson (or goal) # 1: Make God part of your everyday.

Things we are asking you to do for the next *seven* days:

- ✓ **Read one chapter of Proverbs and five chapters of Psalms every day, some in the morning and some in the evening. (Watch how this changes your life.)**
- ✓ **Pray thanking God for the day He has given you and ask for His guidance every morning. Talk with Him and listen throughout the day. Close the evening considering what you accomplished in His name. (This means you have open communication with God throughout the day)**

- ✓ **Start a journal recording your thoughts, plans and goals for the next 49 days and record what happens each day. (One of the best ways you can see your “growth” is by writing down questions and thoughts and noting what you feel like the Lord is saying and then reading over them later.)**