



YOU CAN

Part 5: Purposefully Investing
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Main Points

A lot of what we do with our time, ability, and money is purposeless.
We spend most of our time, ability, and money on ourselves.
Our life isn't meant to be spent on ourselves but to be purposely invested for others.
The purpose of life is to love God by loving our neighbor as ourselves.
Love is purposely choosing to use what we have and what we are for the good of others.
Following Jesus requires purposely investing for the good of others.
Instead of spending your time, abilities, and money on yourself. Spend yourself for the good of others.
Purposely investing our life frees us from worrying about our life.
You can invest your life on purpose for the greatest purpose.

Message Passage

Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

Luke 10:30-37

This Week's Challenge:

EVALUATE: *Do I regularly use who I am and what I have for the benefit of others?*

ADJUST: *Create margin* **INVEST** **TRUST**

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God working in your life and world this week?
2. What thoughts/feelings come up for you when you hear, "Our life isn't meant to be spent on ourselves but to be purposely invested for others"?
3. Read Mathew 6:19-21 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Why do you think generosity is such an important aspect of following Jesus?
4. Jon encouraged us to evaluate our resources and advised us to "adjust, invest, and trust" this week. What is something you want to do in response to this and how can your group pray for you in that response?

"Show Notes" Resources & Links:

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Gatherings On Site: October 10 & 24
4:30pm. Potluck + Music + Communion
<https://www.yourcrosscreek.com/gathering>

Suggested Bible Readings:
Matthew 5-7, Ephesians 4:11-16, James 2:14-26

Music we listened to making this episode:
Beethoven- Symphony No. 9 in D minor: Ode to Joy
Foo Fighters- This is a Call
Phil Wickham- Your Love Awakens Me

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