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In light of the gospel, what constitutes a well lived life? What is the difference between a ‘wasted’ life, and a worthy one?

**Romans 15:14–20 (CSB)** 14My brothers and sisters, I myself am convinced about you that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. 15Nevertheless, I have written to remind you more boldly on some points because of the grace given me by God 16to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest of the gospel of God. God’s purpose is that the Gentiles may be an acceptable offering, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17Therefore I have reason to boast in Christ Jesus regarding what pertains to God. 18For I would not dare say anything except what Christ has accomplished through me by word and deed for the obedience of the Gentiles, 19by the power of miraculous signs and wonders, and by the power of God’s Spirit. As a result, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum., 20My aim is to preach the gospel where Christ has not been named, so that I will not build on someone else’s foundation

Vs. 15, *Grace given to me by God for ministry*

 Vs. 16, *My offering* (implied)

 Vs. 17, *My work for God*

 Vs. 20, *My aim*

**Romans 15:21 (CSB**) but, as it is written,

**Those who were not told about him will see,**

**and those who have not heard will understand.**

**Romans 15:22 (CSB)** That is why I have been prevented many times from coming to you.

We need to learn how to distinguish the difference between our “Good Ideas” and “God’s Ideas For Our Lives.”

Thankfully He has promised us that we can be led by the Holy Spirit.

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You will never die having fulfilled God’s will in your life without first living in the will of God for your life.

Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life’s busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

C.T. Studd “Only One Life”

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 **1 Corinthians 3:13 (NLT)** But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value.

Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its days I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;
Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

C.T. Studd’s 4th stanza. “Only One Life”

We focus on the blessings of God instead of concentrating on God Himself

**Matthew 28:18–20 (NLT)** 18Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”