



INTRODUCTION - Story on Rewards



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1. The end point of schooling

- *PSLE - Secondary School / ITE*
- *O Levels - Poly, College, Work*
- *A Levels - University, Work*



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2. Topo - Route

- *Start - Checkpoints - End-point*
- *Journey with end in mind*



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3. The End-point of our

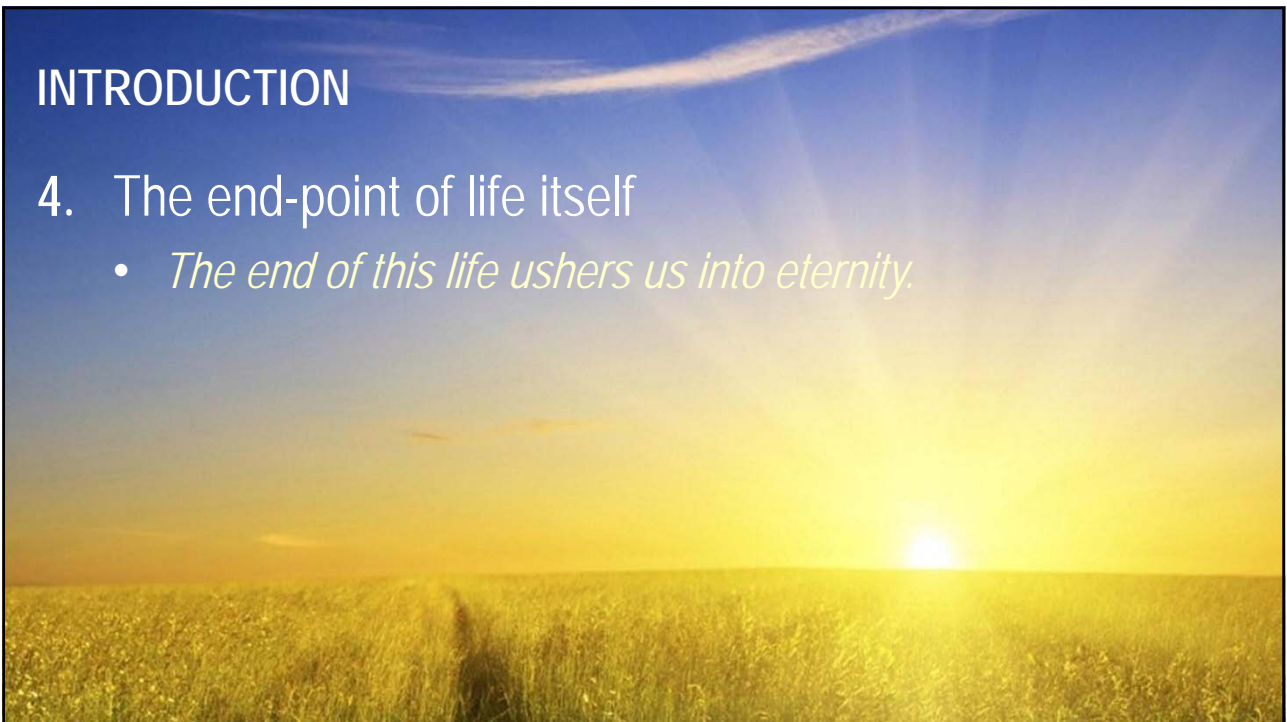
- *Jobs*
- *Working life*
- *Career*



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4. The end-point of life itself

- *The end of this life ushers us into eternity.*



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4. The end-point of life itself

- *It is how we finish that counts.
How we live determines how
we will spend eternity!*



Live With A Purpose

If you are not making the **progress**
you like in your **life** and **ministry**;
which **YOU** are **CAPABLE** of making;
it may be because you have:
not clearly defined your purpose in life;
and have **not determined to set goals towards them.**



I. Live With A Purpose


Two Fundamental Life Purpose:

1. WHO am I becoming?

This has got to do with my Being.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.





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Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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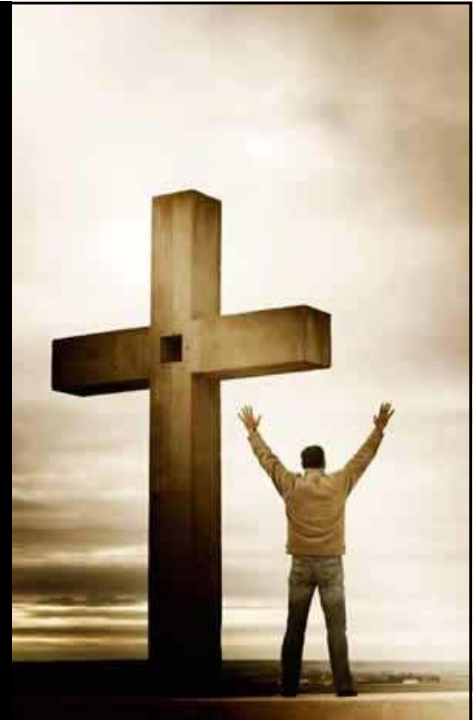
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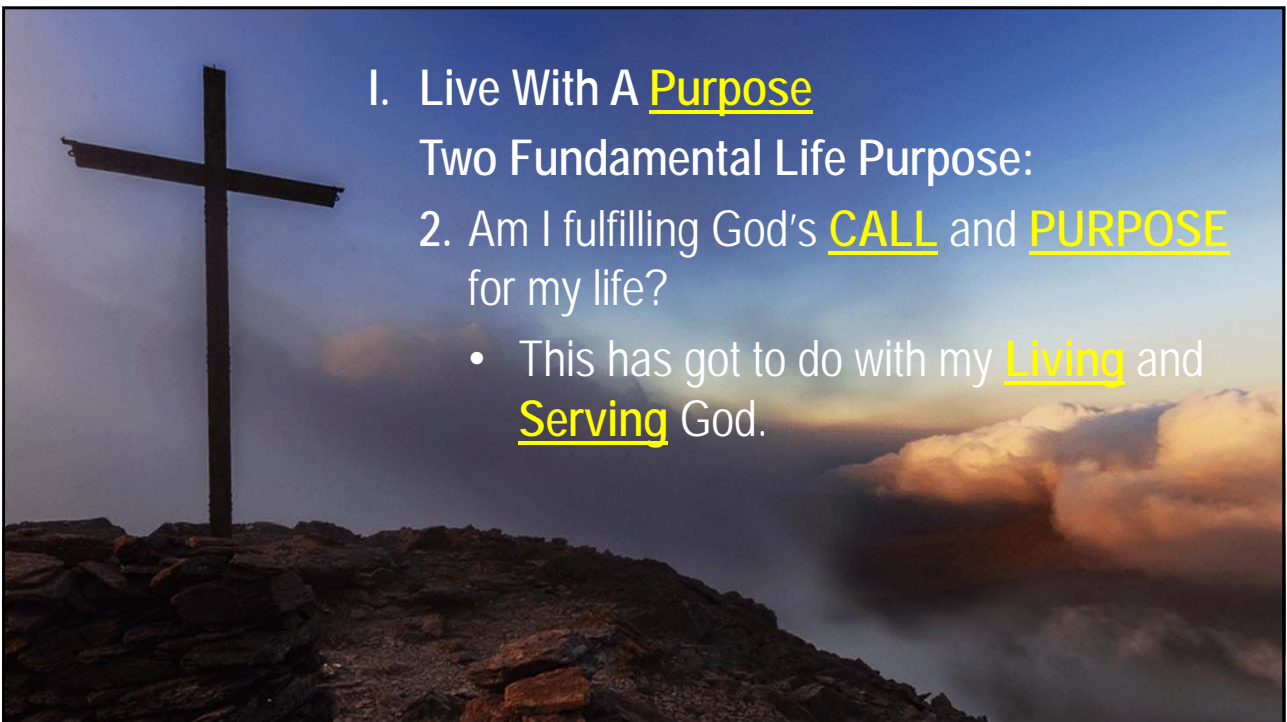



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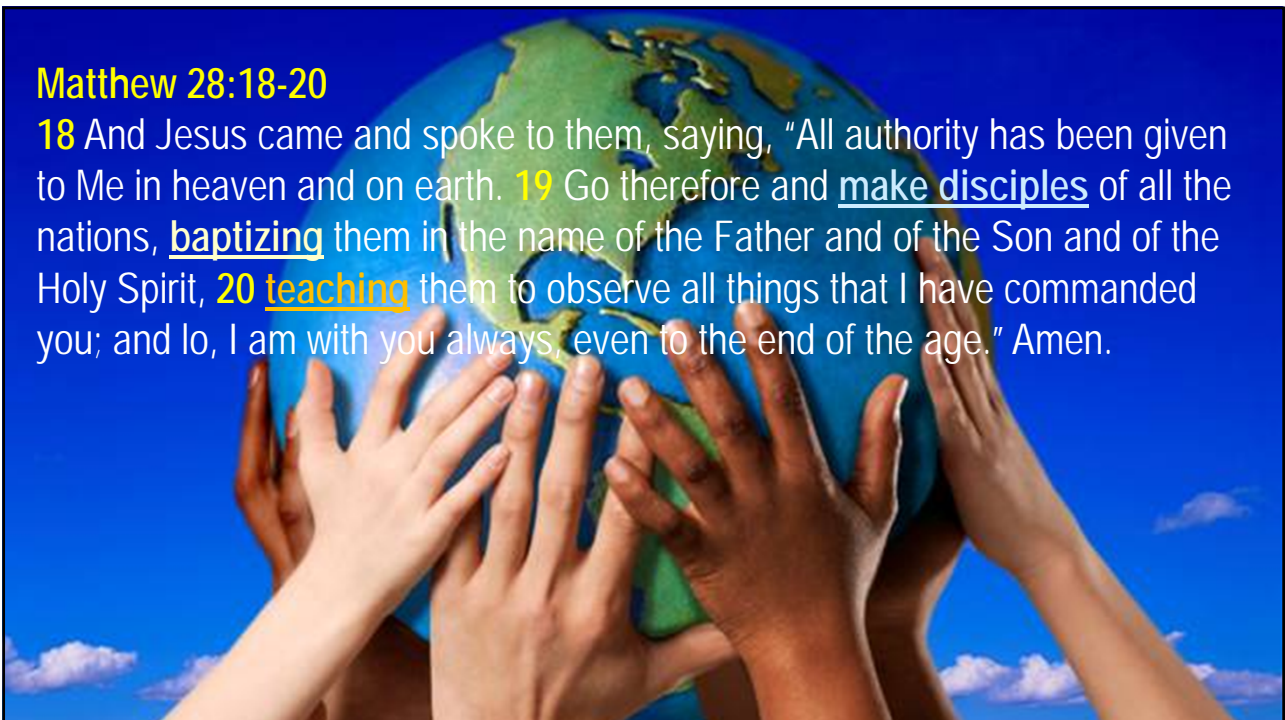
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Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed ...



II. Two Basic Doctrines

1. The Doctrine of Salvation.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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2. The Doctrine of Works.

A. Works involve:

Co-operation with Others

Perseverance

Endurance

Resources

Money

Effort

Patience

Thinking

Planning

Energy

Time

II. Two Basic Doctrines

2. The Doctrine of Works.

B1. Our works cannot save us.

B2. Our works result in rewards or losses.

1 Corinthians 3:8, 10

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 10 ... But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

B2. Works result in rewards or losses.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.



III. Why live to finish well?

1. There is the certainty of judgment, a day of accountability.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. **14** For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.



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2 Corinthians 5:9-10

So we make it our GOAL to please Him ... For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.



III. Why live to finish well?

2. Therefore, live to receive our full reward.

2 John 8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.



III. Why live to finish well?

3. First act of the Lord when He returns is to reward.

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Revelation 22:12 And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.



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4. Rewards for our journey in discipleship.

Matthew 16:24-27

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.



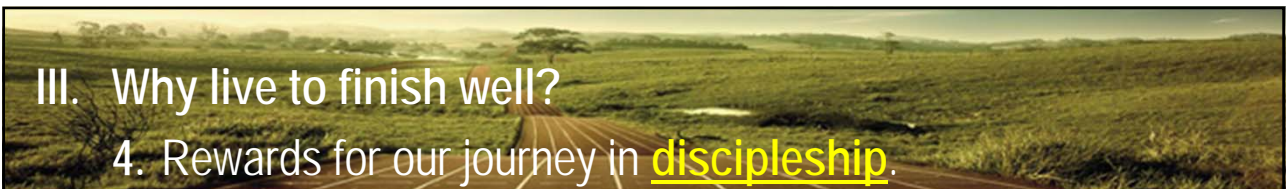
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26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his work ...



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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **25** And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. **26** Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. **27** But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.



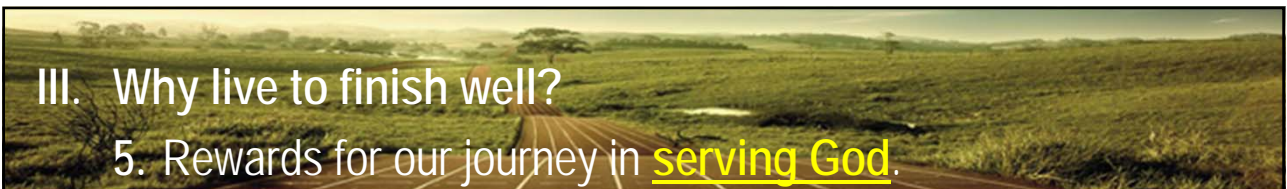
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Matthew 24:45, 47

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?

47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.



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Matthew 25:21, 23

21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

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Colossians 3:23-24

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.



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Daniel 12:3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.



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6. The Lord is returning as Judge.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **11** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Bottom-Line

Luke 14:28-30

28 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?

29 For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, **30** saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'



It is how we finish that matters!
Live a life that matters!

Conclusion

2 Timothy 4:7

I have **fought** the good fight,
I have **finished** the race,
I have **kept** the faith.

