



Living in Pursuit of the Right Legacy

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Series Summary

We all want our lives to matter. But how do we know if we're doing the right thing? In a world where nothing is guaranteed, nothing is certain, you can build a life that can last. In the Bible, we can find practical guidance for everyday life as learn build a life that will last as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Main Text

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (ESV) – ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Big Idea – Live Your Life in Pursuit of the Prize: No Reserves, No Retreats, No Regrets

Three Lessons Learned from the Law of Legacy

Lesson #1 – Preparation: Strengthen Your Resolve by Choosing to Train with the Truth

2 Corinthians 4:16 (ESV) – So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

Lesson #2 – Persistence: Stay the Course and Press On...Never Give Up

2 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV) – For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison...

Life Lesson – A river cuts through a rock not because of its power but its persistence.

Lesson #3 – Priorities: Choose to Live Your Life in Pursuit of the Eternal Prize Not the Temporary Pleasure

2 Corinthians 4:18 (ESV) – as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Kent Hughes – The tragedy of our times is that men and women have lost their eyes for the unseen and believe and hope and work in the visible. But Paul focused on the unseen things to come. Paul's hope was set in the future resurrection.

Memory Verse

Psalm 90:12 (ESV) – So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Answering the questions that follow.

- What are practical ways that you can “stay the course” in your walk with the Lord when facing obstacles?

- What does Paul mean when he calls each Christian to “...look to things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”?

- What practical advice would you give to encourage a Christian that is facing a great obstacle in life?