TRANSCRIPTION - 7 Habits of the 144,000 - Part 1

So I hope you understand what I mean by that because as we're going to see our calling is a calling of being pro-active. And I think that's the problem a lot of times with brethren because in **churches** ... churches don't teach to be pro-active. What do churches teach? They teach pray and pay, right? They teach the people sit in the audience and the pastor comes up and does a song and dance. I can't sing and I can't dance. Sorry about that. But that's what it is and the **more** they can entertain you, the more money you're going to put in the basket when it goes around. That's really what Christianity is. It's a show ... it's a show. So it's not pro-active. They don't want people. So even though you get a guy up there and he's giving a good spiel when somebody gets up, maybe get something really, really important to what the speaker is saying ... yeah, yeah sit down, sit down ... we'll talk about it later. You know that's just the way it is.

But as believers, this is one of the biggest problems with believers, they're not pro-active enough. They're not pro-active enough. We have to be pro-active because we're going to see what the opposite of pro-active is; it's being reactive. And you'll see mentally, like I said everything comes from your nervous system, right? And everything we do comes down to what? Two things – pain or pleasure.

So you don't realize this. The way that Yahweh made us is amazing. Our bodies, how over 30 thousand miles of arteries and all these things in our bodies. But it's the same thing. We have a nervous system that immediately does something when something happens. So just like traveling to the feast, right? Immediately before you even ponder on it, either it's coming into your brain ... wow the feast I better get there one way or the other; or its like ... yeah, it's too hard to travel ... I want to be there but maybe another year. And you don't even think about it. It happens from your nervous system because your nervous system is thinking is it is more pleasurable to go through all this to get there; or is it going to be more pain? I don't want that PCR test up my nose. It all comes down to that, right?

So being pro-active: a **pro-active person makes decisions based on principles, not moods.** Last year in our seminar we were going over how our values shape our life. If you remember we were going over that. So I mean I'm going to overlap that a tiny but not much. But just for the people that aren't here that they understand about our core values to a bit.

But like I said, a pro-active person makes decisions based on principles, not moods. And you think about it most people make decisions based on moods, right? And moods come from what? They come, your emotions; whether that's ... like I remember when I was younger if you wanted to ask Dad if you could something, right? You don't just go up and ask him. You wait for the right time. You wait until he's in a good mood. You wait until he got a raise a work. You wait until he's all happy. But if he comes in and he's all aggravated and he's throwing down his hat or whatever, it's like ... you know, wait. I might not just get up and go; I might get a slap in the face. So I think I'll wait on this.

But a pro-active person makes his decisions based on principles, not moods. It means **your life is a product of your values, not your feelings**. That's why I've given in messages before on emotional maturity. In the school we go into this more extensively. But your life is a product of your values, not your feelings. **Your decisions, not your conditions** ... okay your decisions, **not** conditions.

You kind of see a little bit where I'm going with this right off the bat. But as I'm putting this together, even regardless of the Covid, as I'm looking at this and I'm saying, "Wow, how important is this right now, right?" Think about in the situation the world is in right now - decisions, not conditions. Because if you think about it today with forced vaccinations and worse what's coming, are people making decisions based on values? If you're making it based on value, there's aborted fetal cells, either in the vaccine ... and now that I thought there was several like Pfizer who only had them in the trials. And now we know **for sure** Pfizer has it in the vaccine. How on earth could anybody with any sense of

value inject something in them that was taken from an aborted baby? From a killed baby! And these babies are not two and three months of a woman that just accidently had an abortion, a miscarriage. These are babies that are almost term who literally they're cutting the mother open while the baby is alive taking these body parts that they use.

So again, it's got to be based on values, not feelings; decisions, not conditions. Because if we talked about this in theory, many times the underground congregation has always been a theory. This is what's going to happen ... this is what's going to happen. Now we're in it, right? So now we're in a situation where I'm dealing with this every month with congregations that are dealing with maybe even death. Elder Vincent can tell you some of the things that are being threatened in the Philippines. But in other places that I don't like to mention because of safety of the brethren that they're literally facing, with not just losing a job, they're facing with death and imprisonment over these things.

But this is what we're dealing with and this why, like I said, you want to make sure when you're value based it doesn't matter what the circumstance is. You're not going to compromise with those values for anything. And like I said, you're not talking about things like missing a feast or making a feast, right? If you miss a feast you really lost something. And I think these over the years, these feasts are really, really important. And who are the people who are sitting in the chairs today? They're people that have been at feasts before. But this is more than a feast because there's always next year in Jerusalem, right? You're talking about now. You're talking about having your children taken away from you. You're talking about being put in prison. You're talking about not being able to work in society and maybe even be killed. So if there's ever a time that we need to understand this and embrace, it's now.

So a disciple of Yahshua must be pro-active to bear fruit and be productive for the Kingdom. It's important because of what's going on in the world today, but this is a big part of our calling since day one – to be pro-active. You know Yahshua, if you think about it, and I say this all the time, you're 30 million to one that you're called today. And look out in the world today. For every one that believes like you there's probably more than 30 million people out there. You know we're dinosaurs or i-saurs, right? And now we're really living in a world where everywhere you look. Go on Google, you can't find one article that's even half way true!

And did Yahweh call you just to sit in a chair and think about it? He called us to be pro-active, right? You look at the twelve apostles and the problem is that a lot of times people feel like, well, how can I be pro-active? I'm just a regular person. Oh you mean like the twelve apostles, right? You're a regular person just like one of the twelve apostles that were fisherman, blue-collared guys. Yahshua comes, He's Elohim from Heaven, and does He call the Pharisee? Does He call the Priests? Does He call the rich Sadducees? Not one ... not one. He calls twelve ordinary men.

I did a message on it years ago; it's on the website. He called twelve ordinary men. So again, He didn't call us based on our ability per say. He called us based on our hearts and our values. And will we stay with it? And that's really it. But if we're not pro-active, we have a problem right to begin with. That's why I say this is so important because if you're not pro-active you have to start thinking after listening to this why maybe you're having some of the problems in your life. Because you're being useless to Yahweh and His people if you're not pro-active. And when you're pro-active what does that mean? You're not reactive! And we're going to see the opposite. And when I show you reactive to pro-active you got to think in your mind, which one am I exhibiting in my life right now?

So a reactive person – he's always worried about concerns, not values; not talking, who he can influence. He's worried about concerns, not what he can influence. Reactive person always is worried about concerns not what they can influence. They always have a reason why they fail, right? So they'll fail, they'll say it but there's always a reason. It's usually somebody else or their situation. There's always a reason why they can't be pro-active. And they are a product of their feelings and their moods and their impulses.

And people that are very reactive are hard to be around. Because one minute they can be the life of the party all happy and the next minute, wow they are affected like anything. And it's exhausting. Because the times we're living in now, I don't have time for reactive people anymore. You're talking about life and death and everything else that's going on and it's not time for reactive people. I don't have time for reactive people anymore.

And reactive people never change. That's the problem. It's a lifestyle of always worried about concerns, not worried about what they can influence. They always have a reason why they fail, blaming of others, situations. And like I said, they're a product of their feelings, their moods and their impulses and how they're treated by others. I've said this is many sermons ... so and so looked at me the wrong way, is he mad, isn't he mad? All these things like this. They play the victim. And many times reactive people are gossipers. And like I said always making excuses for their failures.

And let me say this though, playing the victim is about the most disempowering thing you can do in life. And believe me it doesn't mean that at times we aren't victimized. We are. As a people we're all being victims. Being a victim is the most disempowering thing in the world because you're always going to play that victim part and we're not victims. We're victors! Philippians 3 in verse 13 ... Philippians 3 in verse 13, he says:

Philippians 3:13-14 Brothers, I do not count myself to have reached the goal, but one thing I do, **forgetting the things behind**, and stretching forward to those things before, I press toward the goal to receive the prize of victory of the highest calling of YAHWEH in Messiah Yahshua.

No, no, no that would stop him being the victim. We don't him to stop being the victim because then he has low self-esteem. Oh wow, low esteem. You know what my Bible says? No man has never gave his own flesh, nobody has low self-esteem. You may have low self-confidence. Like right now if you told me to take an engine and take it apart and put it together, I don't have confidence I can do that. I have very low confidence when it comes that but I don't have low self-esteem; it's the opposite. We all esteem ourselves too much.

And I'm looking at that and what's happening in the world today and I'm seeing how evil people are. And it's because of human nature. You know power, I'm looking at some of these weasels out there. Like this guy from Canada that ought to be put in a prison. The stuff that this guy is doing to people. He knows what he's doing and he's an evil person. And you know why he does it? Because he gave a little bit of power and then that power goes to the head and then they want more and more and more and more. And it's the way human nature is.

So nobody ever gave his own flesh. **We don't have low self-esteem. We esteem ourselves too much**. Because I say just honestly think to yourselves, if you really had low self-esteem, right? If I was honest, had low self-esteem, like I hate myself, I'm a bad person, I really hate myself. Well, all of sudden, now I'm Job, right? All my family members died and my house gets burned down and I lose my job, I should come and be the happiest person in the world because bad things are happening to me and I hate myself, right? Isn't that the way it works?

If somebody is evil, like if Hitler is getting hung are you going to be sad? No you're happy because he's an evil person and he's getting what he deserves. So if you really thought you were evil you'd be the happiest person in the world when bad things are happening to you. But it doesn't work that way. Because when you don't get the things you want then you're all sad because it's not that you have low self-esteem. It's that you have high self-esteem. You love yourself too much. And you got to get your mind off of you and you got to your mind on others and the work of Yahweh. That's the way you're going to get out of that. That's the only way. So you got to get this concept away. You might have low self-confidence. You may not be confident to do things but you don't have low self-esteem. We love ourselves too much. And what we need to do is we need to humble ourselves. We have to realize that. We have to repent every day. And

we have to realize that we're not good people who sometimes do bad things. We're bad people that, praise Yahweh by His Spirit, we can change that, that we can change our nature.

And like I said the world out there is showing us. Because every day people, maybe even your friends and your families, they're becoming hateful toward people like us. We're all of a sudden, we're the world problem because we won't do this or we won't do that. And they put it in there and it's just because like I said, the power that people want.

So a pro-active person finds solutions, not excuses. If your life is filled with excuses then you're reactive. The pro-active person finds solutions. And I've said this many times, you heard me say it, the quality of your life is in the quality of the questions you ask. If you ask, why does this always happen to me? You're going to get the answer, because you're a dummy. That's not the question you ask; not why is this always happening to me. You have to ask the question, how do I overcome this? Because your mind like I said is a master computer and what you're putting in there. Why does this happen to me? Because you're a dummy! No, you got to put in there, how can I overcome this and enjoy the process? What is the answer to my solution? Because there's always an answer! Your mind is a master computer.

I was saying to somebody yesterday, I find it ironic because lately every time I'm trying to get into my email, the computer keeps saying to me to prove I'm not a robot. Can you imagine? Did that ever happen to you? A robot is asking me to prove I'm not a robot. I mean this is insane! I mean how would he know? Well, I'm a robot I would know if you're ...

Responsibility, a pro-active person has responsibility. What is responsibility? Response is the ability to respond. So when parents tell their child you need to be more responsible, or maybe you lost the purpose then you have to be responsible. I want people responsible. I want to give you more responsibility on the job site. What do they say? They want you to be able to respond – the ability to respond; that's what responsibility is.

And what is the opposite if you're not responsible then what are you? You're irresponsible. You either have the ability to respond or you're irresponsible meaning you don't the ability to respond to things. And that's why I say, the reactive person is the person who doesn't respond. He responds by his feelings and emotions and how he's being treated. **The pro-active person is the one in any circumstance that can be strong.**

You know you'll never quit. You'll never walk away. You'll always look for a solution and even if it's not the best solution. There's got to be a solution. As we're going to see sometimes a solution is just no. Sometimes it's just wait. But you'll never go back. If you're a pro-active person you just don't quit. And that's what you see a lot of times, you see people just give up, give up on everything, go back on their own.

So the pro-active person has a consistency in their life. They can keep promises. If there's somebody who you ask can you do this or can you do that. You know you can rely on that because they're pro-active. It's just in their nature that one way or another they're going to the best of their ability to keep the promises.

A reactive person most times can't. And there's always a reason why. There's a reason why they can't do it and of course there's times that we do things, there's times that can't. There's times like I say, I talk about in time management that as a leader we want to make sure we're on time. If there's a new person out there that I'm going to counsel with and it's the first time I'm meeting that person and I show up 40 minutes late, I might as well just keep on going because here it is. That's his first impression of me that I can't even come on time. What good is this? But things happen, maybe it was an accident, maybe somebody got hurt.

So there's things that happen but if you're consistently in your life that if you're not responsible and you're irresponsible and you can't do so much as even keep a simple appointment, especially if it's with a boss at your job or something that's important, then there has to be some changes that have to be made on it.

Don't let the reality of the things you can do nothing about interfere with the things you can do something about. And this is what happens sometimes, right? Because sometimes those problems in life weigh really, really heavy and they tear us down and then we stop being pro-active because we're so focused on what we can't change. Like the vaccine, you can't change that. And you can think all you want that it's going to go away whatever, but it's not going away. So do we just sit there and get depressed and do nothing? No, that's something you can't change. So you don't focus on that. But you focus on what you can change.

If you already know now what is going to be the result of that vaccine mandate and the mark of the beast — I'm not going to be able to travel, I'm not going to be able to buy and sell, I'm not going to be able to work — so what will you be doing now? You'd be preparing. And especially the fact that we're in the sixth year! Watever you do in the next you get three for one! Yahweh has a sale going on. Wow, this is better than Lidl, right? This is better than Wasgau, three for one and that's with manna. Manna is on sale! Buy one, get two free. So praise Yahweh for that. **Don't let the reality of the things you can do nothing about interfere with the things you can do something about.**

You can choose your decision but you can't choose the consequence. You can choose your decision, like now I can say under no circumstance am I taking this. That's my decision, I have free will but I can't choose the consequence. What happens from there is outside of my control. So I can't worry about it. I can't worry if I'll lose my job, if I get put in prison or I'll get killed; or maybe worse, maybe they'll threaten my family.

So I can choose my decision but I can't choose the consequence. And that's the problem that **the reactive person is making decisions based on the fearing of the consequence.** Do you ever wonder yourself when you look at being a person in Yahweh's Congregation you say, wow this is the greatest thing in the world. This isn't religion, this is the truth. I mean this is every single thing in the Bible makes my life better. I can be a better father. I can be a better worker. I can be a better pastor. I can be a better friend ... everything better. I only get benefits from being a believer. Then why is there a handful of believers and there's billions of people that's not?

The reason why is what I just said because **they fear the consequences of the decision**. And a lot of it is the simplest thing of giving up Christmas. You have no idea how many millions of people don't become believers just for something as simple as that. They don't want to offend their family for giving up Christmas and not being able to accept it. It's not that they even want the Christmas gift. It's the consequence of the decision with their family, that they won't do it. That's a reactive person. A reactive person I'm telling you is going to have a very hard time ever getting into the Kingdom. Pro-active people, you're making your decisions that are not based on fearing the consequence. **You can choose your decision, you can't choose the consequence.**

Pro-active person makes decisions based on the values and their principles and the truth, not the consequences. And I'll tell you that's why I love reading the book that I put together, *The Gates of Hell*, I love reading that book because you see the people there. You see the character that these people have there and under the worst circumstances. You're not talking about vaccine mandates then. You're talking about the Catholic Church — either you tell him, you're going to come and sometimes it was as simple as just baptizing a baby. I mean as long as it is, if it comes to the point that they're going to kill you if you don't just take your little baby and put it in water. And a lot of people might think, well would Yahweh want me to die? Would He want my child to die? So what's the big deal? I don't believe it anyway, let him go in the water for a second, and we'll do it.

And you know what they said, "NOT for a second ... not for a second!" Because you know what? If I put that baby in that water; it's not about that baby just getting wet and I don't believe it. I'm submitting to you! I coming under your authority and I'm becoming like you. And they said whether Yahweh stops us from doing this, when He stops you from doing this and He saves us. That's up to Him. We know He can do it. Sometimes He did, sometimes He didn't. But don't think for a second we are going to for one second give our authority up to you, to the Catholic Church; it's that simple.

And the Apostle Paul said that. Remember with circumcision when they were trying to force it? Not for a second are we going to do this. Not for a second! And here we are we're living in those times because the consequences of our decisions are getting greater, right? Or let's say there's a greater consequence to those decisions.

But we have to keep our integrity because if you lose your integrity, what else do you have? Your decisions have to be based on your values, your principles and the truth. And once you give that up you really have nothing left. And that's why I said, you look in Scripture there's people that lived until 30 years old. There's people that lived to 963 years old but they all died sooner or later anyway. And like I said, every man dies but not every man truly lives. It's not a manner of time you're on the earth; it's the quality of what you do during that time. That's all that matters because eternity is a long time and that's what we're looking forward to. We can't even concept it but we can concept it a little bit as you get older. Because as you get older doesn't the time seem to go faster? But it really isn't. You know why?

Because when you're ten years old that one summer that seemed to go on forever was one tenth of your life, right? But then when 50, one year is one fiftieth of your life. So think to Yahweh who has no time. That's why a day is a thousand years; a thousand years is a day. And sometimes people say, how can Yahweh allow this? How can He allow suffering? He only allowed it for one week to teach us, right? He didn't go through this torture for one week but to Him a thousand years is like a day. So it's talking about six thousand years.

But it all comes and goes anyway. And then once you closed your eyes there's nothing else you could do, good or bad. You know you read the Bible and whether you're reading about King David; or you're reading about wicked Manasseh, there's nothing they can do from this point, good or bad. Whatever is there is there; it's done. Your judgment is based on that. We have another day, at least one, at least this, at least this hour. Maybe tomorrow one of us won't even be here. That's up to Yahweh. But you have to take advantage of that. You have to make sure that you kept your principles. You kept your values. Because once you contradict that you have nothing left because you're a contradiction to yourself. Where do you go from there once you're out? That's the only thing Yahweh is trying to test us on – our character. Do we have the character to stand? Like I said the reactive person is addicted to victimhood. He has no vision for tomorrow, only accusations when they fail. Titus 1 in verse 15 it says:

Titus 1:15-16 All things are pure to the pure, but nothing is pure to those being defiled and faithless, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled. They profess to know YAHWEH, but by their works they deny Him, and they are abominable and disobedient, condemning every kind of good work.

So this is what you have when you have the reactive person. It doesn't matter what's happening; it doesn't matter, it's just always something negative. Always something that's negative and it's there in one way or another.

And then I'm going to mention just for a little bit the third type of person. I'm not going to mention too much of this because it really doesn't affect too much what we're doing. But I want to mention it because they are there. They're called: **the no-active person** ... the no-active person. So we have pro-active, you have the reactive, but then you have the no-active. Who is a no-active person?

The no-active person is basically someone that goes along with life as it comes. They have really no ambition to better themselves and they're fully satisfied with the status quo. They're thing is always, oh things will be okay. It's like; hey the house is on fire! Ah, someone will call the fire department. They'll put it out, don't worry. They're just always just satisfied with just basically going on ... things will be okay. Things will get better. But they never have a plan to make it better, right?

So when you're dealing with a no-active person that says, no, no it's going to get better. Ask them, do you have a plan to make it better? They don't have a plan. **They're just hoping that it will get better** but they never have a plan to make it better. They really **don't have goals** to better themselves. But where the trickery is with the no-active person is right off the bat as I'm saying this, people would think they're lazy people; or they're not smart people. They're really not. They're not lazy people. There's people that are like this that will work every day of their life for 30 or 40 years and they're very smart. Some of them are technicians and they're scientists. The problem is, as long as they have that job and they're doing it they're doing fine. But what happens when the job is gone?

You don't know how many people work for twenty-five, thirty years, their job is gone and then they never work again. And it's not that they're lazy. They're just no-active people. They just don't know what to do at that point. So these are people that as long as they can do the same thing over and over again, they'll do it. They're not lazy. They're smart but they have no plan for anything else. They never think about it, having plans. They just kind of go with it. And then when the problem arises, like I said, they lose their job or whatever, they have no way to get out because they never had a plan.

The greatest freedom we have in life is freedom of choice. That's what makes us different than the animal kingdom. Like I said, we are creatures of habit like animals. We are conditioned like animals but we have freedom of choice. So you won't see, like you'll live in an area where there's five cats you always see running around. You won't see all of sudden you come out one day to take out the garbage and you see these cats huddled around. And the one cat is saying to the other cat, hey I hear it's going to be a pretty bad winter coming this winter. Why don't we head down north? And if we do it now it's only September, we could actually build our cat huts before the winter comes. And then maybe we could work on seeing where the best garbage is. You know they don't think that way. Animals don't think that way. We have free choice. And our greatest freedom is our free choice, right? So people can hurt us. They can lie to us. They can even imprison us but they can't take your freedom on how you will react. And that's powerful! And as we're getting closer to the time we're in, it's really powerful.

And when I think of this, you know what I think of? I think of Richard Wurmbrand because Richard Wurmbrand, everybody knows Richard Wurmbrand, right? Richard Wurmbrand was really never in prison. He really was never in prison because **prison is a mindset**, right? And I tell that, you have no idea in Babylon basically our whole ministry in Babylon is to prisoners now. I mean we still have some brethren still there, please pray for them, but it's very, very small. But we have hundreds of prisoners every single month that we're sending Bibles and stuff to them. You can't keep up with it.

And we have congregations in prisons. And I always write to them and say, like the warden Yahweh is your warden and you've been freed. They can keep you in that place for who knows, maybe a day, maybe a year, maybe until you die; but you're free. You're free because once you give your mind over to the beast, once you give your mind over to satan out of fear; and it doesn't matter whether it's taking the vaccine. It doesn't matter whether it's wearing mixed clothing or whatever it is. Whenever you violate Yahweh's Word because you fear losing something, you become the servant of what you obey. And you become the servant of that.

So when you have that freewill, that free choice, that's powerful because no man can do anything to you. Because you have the freedom on how you will react. And I think of Richard Wurmbrand, that one time when they beat the guy so bad, I mean his hands are cut, his face is all beat up and the guard comes and he's just angry and he's mad and he sees Richard Wurmbrand there praying. And he opens the door, he's like, "After your Elohim did this, what on earth, look at you ... look at you. What can you be praying for?" And with his mangled face he looks at the guy and he says, "I'm praying for you." Can you imagine, I'm praying for you? And his wife, Sabina, the guard that killed her father and mother came to faith because she forgave that man! So always think about that. We have freewill. Never give that up. They can do anything they want to our body. Just like it says, don't fear he who can kill the body. Fear Him who can take the body and soul and kill it Gehenna.

We have the freedom on how we can react. There should be no fear in the Kingdom of Yahweh. We are ambassadors for that Kingdom. And that Kingdom is approaching. The Kingdom is approaching. I don't know if you heard but I already got the email from Heaven – wars broke out. Read Revelation 12 – wars broke out already. So you know what that means? What is the first thing that happens when a war breaks out? You recall your ambassadors. You got to recall your ambassadors and it's time to come out of this world. Yahweh's recalling us because it's not to be in that world anymore; it's the time you have to separate. So in the meantime they might do whatever they might do to us as ambassadors but never give that freewill up and that's what a pro-active person has. Pro-active person has the character to do that. Greatest freedom you have is freewill choice. Matthew 5 in verse 38:

Matthew 5:38-41 You have heard that it was said "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth;" but I say to you, Do not stand against the evil; but whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And to him desiring to sue you, and to take your coat, allow him also to take the cloak. And whoever shall compel you to go one mile, go two with him.

Matthew 5:42-45 He asking you to give, and he wishing to borrow from you, do not turn away. You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor" and hate your enemy; but I say to you, Love your enemies; bless those cursing you, do well to those hating you; and pray for those who take you by force and persecute you, so that you may become sons of your Father in Heaven. Because He causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and unjust.

Matthew 5:46-48 For if you love those loving you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you only greet your brothers, what exceptional thing do you do? Do not the tax-collectors do the same? Therefore, you become perfect (complete), even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.

So I say this is unhuman. This goes against everything in our human nature but **the Spirit of Yahweh is not human**. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh. And this is one of the biggest proofs to me that the road we're on is the right road. I heard people before that quit and they're reactive people and they'll make excuses, they'll say, you talk to them and they'll say, "Oh this person hurt me and they're supposed to be believers, right, and they did this, and they did this ... and this person. And how can a believer do something like that? This is supposed to be Yahweh's Congregation!"

Maybe it's even an elder and they're going to quit Yahshua's Congregation because of what somebody else did when in most cases they do worse anyway. It's just an excuse that they have. But when I look at this that's why no matter what anybody would do, if everybody went the wrong way and everybody quit because I look at this and I say **this is unhuman.** If you don't have the Spirit of Yahweh there's no way you would ever do this.

The Apostle Paul said, possibly in a rare circumstance one might die for an unrighteous man and maybe, you might even die for a good person, right? But think about this, somebody that's evil, why on earth would you die for somebody that's evil? But it's because of the Spirit of Yahweh. The Spirit of Yahweh transcends everything like that. And you just never know. Yahshua came to call the prostitutes and the tax collectors, not the righteous. So you just never know in these situations no matter how bad or evil somebody treats us, we have the ability to overcome it, but only if you're proactive. If you're reactive you'll never do that. It'll only be, do you hear the way he talked to me, how dare them. You'll always be thinking on feelings and emotions. You won't be thinking on principle and character. Deuteronomy 30 in verse 15 says:

Deuteronomy 30:15, 19 Behold, I have set before you today life and good and death and evil ... verse 19 ... I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the cursing. Therefore, **choose life** that you and your seed may live ... **choose life** that you and your seed may live.

Even Yahweh doesn't take away our freewill. He asks us to choose life, though. But we have the freewill. We have to choose it. It's not just going to happen. You have to choose it and it's something that you have to focus on. It's something you have to work on and in the world that we're living in with every distraction. It's something you have to do every single day of your life.

Like I said I'm amazed sometimes where sometimes things come up, or problems come up, sometimes world problems, sometimes it could problems in people's lives. And again whatever you focus on becomes most real to you. So there are big problems sometimes. It could be even death. It could be loss of a job. It could be loss of money. It could be anything and they are big problems. And I'm not trying to minimalize the problems we have in our life. But sometimes I've seen people almost forget everything they knew because of that problem they're dealing with at the time. And so, this too will pass. Believe me I've dealt with big problems and I know how they can weigh you down. But boy, I just have something in my mind that I will not anything in my life go past there. I will not let my life get to that point where I'm going to get into depression or I'm going to get away from Yahweh, period! There is nothing that would stop me from that!

And it's a choice you have to make because we're all human. And if you don't make that choice, you will get there! And I can tell you that I know years back when I got into depression that last for years and then I couldn't get out of it. And I'm thinking, "I hate this! Why am I doing this?" And it was so bad that I say now there aint no way I'm going there again. Because being reactive doesn't make you feel better; it doesn't make you happy! It's just an excuse not to deal with yourself because the problem is always you.

Each of us has to deal with ourselves. We are own problem and that's what we have to deal with. And being reactive will never help you deal with yourselves because it always can blame somebody else. So you have to as a pro-active person, you have to make sure that Yahweh is so far ahead and number one in your life and priority, that there is nothing that's going to let you get anywhere near that. You got to put that bubble around you. Because like I said we're all human and if not, wow when you come down, boy it's hard to come out of that self. It really is hard.

I don't know if you ever heard of a man called Victor Frankel, he was a holocaust survivor. And he wrote several books about holocaust survivors that he saw from the inside. And he wondered why would some people survive and some people didn't. He saw some people that just quit and gave up and wanted to die and did die. And then he saw others that no matter what during the torture, the beating, even having sometimes family members killed, they just wouldn't quit.

And this guy was a psychologist and he was trying to figure out what was the difference that made the people survive from the people who didn't. And at the end of the day they chose life. The people that survived chose life – they were pro-active. They believed they had a purpose to survive. They had a vision for the future. They just said there's no way that Elohim created me to end here in this place, even if it's only to give my testimony and what happened here because if we all died nobody is going to know how bad it was inside that camp. And some of them they just willed themselves that they would survive to be able to tell that story to the next generation so it would never happen again.

And that's what happens sometimes. There's things that go in life. Some very, very horrible things, rape and things like that. And you can either take that empowering or disempowering. And if you take it disempowering as bad as that is, then you know what, you are giving that perpetrator control of your life every single day that you give that power over to that. You can't let that happen! If for nothing else to help that next person that it doesn't happen to somebody else. So whatever you went through in your life, take it as a point of empowerment; that wow, I'm going to make sure this doesn't happen to somebody else. I'm going to share and I'm going to talk and I'm going to make this!

You know you probably seen recently in America there's a story, a terrible story, about a young girl who got murdered probably by the boyfriend. The boyfriend disappeared now. And the family, in a lot of these situations they will not even talk to the media. They're too distraught. They don't want anything. But the parents really came out, especially the father, he said, this girl is 22 years old and everybody, you never think it's going to be you. You never think it's going to be your family. Nobody does. Why would you even think that? But he said, the fact that there's all because every day there's missing people, every day there's children being killed. He said, "The fact that I don't know why that we got all this publicity and that the focus came to us." He said, "I can't just focus on my loss of my daughter. I got to take this as empowerment to help other people by this now. I got to make sure that all this media attention and that everybody's honest that this can be something more than this poor situation of whatever happened there."

And now they gave an endowment that they want to help other young people because there's a lot of abuse going on. Husbands abusing wives and different things like that. And that's the point we got to look at. When you have loss in life no matter how bad that loss is you can't use it as a focal point of yourself to feel sorry for yourself. You have to use it as a point of empowerment to better you and other people; or how else would it ever happen?

Somebody that was raped and they may ask me why would Yahweh ever allow that? And I say, think about when the Kingdom comes we're going to be going all over the world and we're going up to people and helping them. And when we come up and pat them on the back and say don't worry things are getting better, there's a new King that's here and things are going to be totally different before. And you know what these people are going to say, some of these humans because they don't know. They're not believers. They just happen to survive this horror that happened. And they're going to say, how would you know? They'll think we're angels or something. You're an angel, how would you know? And a person will turn and say, No I know. It happened to me. I know what you're going through.

Why did Yahshua come on earth for 32 ½ years? Like I said, if it was to die for our sins He could have been here 3 days — 3 days and 3 nights. He came here, He suffered, He was abused, He was quit by His friends when they needed Him the most on the very night He's ready to die for them. They're already where He sees Peter say, I don't know Him! And yet He still went through it because it says in Hebrews that we can have a High Priest who knows what we're going through. When we get on our hands and knees you can't say Yahshua, you don't know what I'm going through. Oh yes He does! Anything we're going through He went through before so that He knows exactly what we're going through. And we're going through things now for that reason for now that we could help people that are going through it and when then Kingdom comes.

Because we got to be ready from day one! When the Kingdom comes there's not going to be years and years and years of training for us. This is the training. This is the training to get you ready so that when Yahshua returns and we shed these earthly bodies and we rise up in the air to meet Him. We're going to have our Wedding Supper. We're going to drink that glass of wine with Him in Heaven with the Father. We're going to have a great time. Honeymoon will be short because there's a lot of work to do. But then after that it's work. It's work for all the suffering people in the world. That's got to be our focus! That's got to be our focus.

And this is what makes the difference between, like I said, pro-active, reactive. And you really got these notes later, think about, really think in my life, maybe you've been eighty percent pro-active, but twenty percent reactive; and you're fifty, fifty or maybe it's even worse. So there has to be change where it comes. Matthew 28 ... the great commission, right? What is the great commission?

Matthew 28:18-20 And coming up Yahshua talked with them, saying, All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me. Then having gone, **disciple all nations** ... this is the direct command as His ambassadors what He's telling them ... disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age.

And here we are the completion of the age. It has happened yet so He's still here with us. What does this sound like? This is a pro-active commission, right, to go into all the world and to do this. It's not being reactive; it's not sitting back in a chair and waiting for them to come. That's what it is – a pro-active person gets things done. You got to get a vision. You got to get a plan of action. You got to work; which is going to be our point 2 in a minute.

So it is powerful to control your free choice. **People can control your environment but not how you will react.** So that's the point now that **we can't have our focus on the environment that we have no control over**. There's nothing we can do. But what we need to do, **we need to get a plan of action how we will react to that**. And that we can do. That we have. We have free choice.

Satan can only tempt you to do wrong when you're emotionally immature. The New World Order can make immunity passports. They can restrict your travel. They can stop you from working but you have freedom on how you will react. Stay committed, not take the mark of the beast or the poisonous Covid shot. This is why we're preparing now because we're pro-active. And that's why I say; logic will tell you. If you look at the Amish, the Amish have no problem. They have no problem whatsoever. It's really interesting because they kind of went on their own from the beginning. When they were told like when relatives die, you can't go near them; they have Covid, all this horrible stuff. I had more people I know die in the last year and a half than in my whole life; a lot of relatives and friends and different people. But the Amish said, "No that doesn't work." I would rather comfort my dying father and be able to give him a hug and risk getting sick than let him die alone.

And you know what happened? They all got Covid. They all got Covid but they overcame Covid. They all got immunity, herd immunity. Do you know what the Amish do now? They don't take the vaccine. Their life is normal as anything. So you know what? They're not going to be able to work. They're not going to be to go. They don't work in the society. There kids aren't in Public school. So their lives virtually haven't changed at all. So you really have to think to yourselves how much all these going on affect you is basically how much you're part of the world. The more you're out of that society. They can do whatever they want in their society but it won't affect you. So that's the key to it is now: being proactive, it's the time to plan.

Number 2: **Begin or plan with the end in mind and plan with the end in mind.** So what happens is, I think, we know that our main goal or my main focus is always going to be the Kingdom of Yahweh. But then other things crop up and other

things come up. And then all of a sudden we make decisions on that but they contradict that goal and they work against that goal.

So maybe you say, hey you know what I'm going to have to get out of America. I see what's happening there. They're bringing in this vaccine passport. I'm going to leave so I'll plan out. I don't know, I'll take six months up to a year but then I really need to get out of here. And that's your goal because you're afraid what's coming there. Then I talk to the person two months later and it's like, "Oh guess what? I just bought a house." "Bought a house? What do you mean you bought a house?" "Well, the rent was so high I'm going to buy a house." And I'm thinking, buy a house? I thought you said you're getting out of there. You got to think with the end in mind and maybe the house, buying the house might have been a good idea because you're paying so much in rent but it's not the Kingdom with the end in mind. You got to think with the end in mind. And this is the problem. We do it in theory but then when crisis rises up we don't think with the end in mind anymore because we're trying to deal with that particular crisis that's at hand. But it's really, really important.

Change, character growth are not a quick fix; it's not a life hack that you see on YouTube, one of these two minute videos- how to change your life in two minutes. Petra likes a lot of these life hacks. Some of them are good actually, how to do this or how to do that. But you can't have change in your life in two minutes; it's not a life hack to do that. It's a lifelong effort. It's built on reinforcing daily your core values and beliefs. So when we look at our core values we went over this before. I'll just mention the ones we talked about. What are core values and decisions based on?

Honesty, integrity, loyal, hard work, loving neighbor as self, importance of family, never quitting or compromising, always following judicial order, always give your best; always raise the bar in everything you do; like Ecclesiastes 9:10, whatever a man finds to do, do it with all your might; do everything as a child of Yahweh, respect for Elohim and authorities such as: parents, older people, teachers, ministers, police. These are the basic for values. I'll mention them one more time. I can write them down later if you want, but we went over this many times before.

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So we have to **be daily reinforcing these core values in the decisions we make**. And I'll tell you something, the biggest thing I deal with, with people in the last few years, even before Covid, of problems they're having in their life, particularly in western society, not so much in third world, but sometimes in third world because people are compromising on their values. They're compromising on their core values and they're miserable and then they're coming and wondering why.

And I think about it, just your job, except for sleep, whatever you do as a job for 8/10/12 hours a day, that's a lot of time on your hands. And like I said, I can just as easily do something that's not against Yahweh then to do something that's against Yahweh. So how on earth can you work a job, say like in a cigarette factory, all day long you're making cigarettes that you know are going to kill somebody? Maybe in a pharmaceutical company you're the one making these pharmaceuticals that kill somebody. How can you do that for 8 or 10 hours a day and be happy when it's **absolutely a hundred percent against your core values?** There's no way you could ever do that. And yet there's people that do this in life. Not just for work but with many things. They're compromising on Christmas. They're compromising on birthdays. They're compromising on these things that they know are wrong and they're doing it anyway and they're waiting for a better result to come.

That's what they say somebody that's insane. Who's somebody who's insane? They do the same thing, wrong thing, over and over thinking they're going get a different outcome. So you have to think about this, that **the decisions you're making in your life are built on reinforcing daily your core values in life.** And then when big things come up they're never going to be a problem because it's just another decision.

But if you're **constantly** compromising and constantly moving the bar in your life of what you think is right or what you think is wrong. Then when the bigger decisions come all it's going to be is the bigger move of that bar. But if you're **always** going on principle, like we're saying before — being proactive, you're going on principle and truth. You'll never compromise. You're not thinking of the consequence. You're thinking of the decision. **You have no control over the consequence, but you do have control over the decision.**

And I want you to think to yourself now. Think of yourself going to a funeral. You're coming in and here it is there's a bunch of people there, and you come in to this funeral and you walk in the door, maybe your friends and family are there. Then all of a sudden you come up to the front of the person that died, and you look in the coffin and *ah! It's me ...* The death in this world; what you have to fear is losing your life for not sticking by your values and your principles.

I remember my grandmother. My grandma was in her 90's when she passed away. She was a good lady and had all her senses to her, and except for her family, every single person she knew had died. She knew nobody else that was still living that she knew. And she was really sad because she didn't want to die. The last time I saw her we knew she was going to die. Her organs were starting to fail. And she was telling me, no I want to be at your wedding. She used to say even in her 90's she used to sing at all the cousins weddings and all that stuff. And she was such a good lady. She loved her family but you know what? There's just a time to be born and there's a time to die. And what if she lived another three years, another five years, and another ten years? What if she lived to 108? There's a people now, I think the oldest one is 117. Is it going to make any difference if she lives to 120?

It's what we do while we have it. And that's why time can short. You know look at some of the people that made such a difference in such a short time, good and bad. Look at someone like Alexander the Great, right? One of the greatest generals in the world. He died at 32 years old; from 20 years old twelve years conquered the world. And wow, 32 he was dead, but his legacy, not to say it's necessarily a good one though he did invade Jerusalem. That was good because he felt that Zechariah, it was written about him, so he did invade Jerusalem.

But that's why I say, being pro-active and bearing fruit for Yahweh, it doesn't have to take years and years and years. It's every day of our life. It's in those little decisions. It starts in the home – how do we treat our family? How do we treat our wife and our husband and our children? How we treat our friends and our neighbors and our brethren and then the fruit we're bearing from there.

And I look at Elder Cliff who just passed away. He was a very good friend of mine and it makes me sad because he was ... I knew him from 1996 ... even before I met my wife. I used to go to Florida and I used to do meetings that were there. And I mentioned we were doing home meetings, that was after Church of God broke up. And all of a sudden this older lady that was meeting in her house, she said, "Oh, I have some friends I knew from Church of God. I hope you don't mind I invited them." I said, "Not at all. No." Cliff comes in; he's got this t-shirt on that says YAHWEH. He says, "How are you doing? Cliff Rodriguez!" And I looked at his shirt and I said, I like this man! He said, "That's His name! His name is Yahweh!" And we just hit it off right off the bat. He was a real person. And I just felt that his passing like in year ended. He was like one of the first guys that started in there. And it was sad but I'm happy for him. And he kept working right up until the end. He would contact me and want to be taking trips and wanting to be doing this. No, Cliff you got to get yourself strong first. He said, "I'm alright ... I'm alright! Someone will come with me." And even not that long before he died he went out to Washington state baptizing people. But after he passed away and looking at some of things that his

family wrote, his children and his different family, you see wow, this was somebody that really had a lot of respect and everybody loved him.

And that's what you want. That's why I say what's your legacy? Just about everybody here, and I think we went over this a little bit last year, I hope that everybody has a legacy written down because if you don't have one written down it's going to happen. Like I said this is not an emotional talk to get you inspired for lunch. You don't need to be inspired for lunch. This is something to get you inspired for eternity and **you need a legacy.** You need to have it written down. You need to look at it. **You need to know what your life is about**. You need to know why you're living every day and what are the most important things in your life.

And when we look at the Kingdom and it's never been more evident to me then this past year with Covid that we really believe this. Where is Yahweh in this world? You see Him nowhere. You don't even see Him in churches anymore, even churches that are always going along with the flow. And Yahweh's not in this world.

And this is the hard part, because we're creatures of habit, and every day you're in the world and your mind is being indoctrinated with everything that is **fake**; and then you're living in this **pseudo world** and the kingdom; and it's very difficult. It's very difficult. And that's why every day of your life, for your own sanity, your own spiritual sanity. You have to be focused on this; in your Bible study, in your prayer, in your meditation. **You got to know what's real and what's not**; because if not, what happens? There's an overlap that comes when crisis has come, when our trials come, and all of a sudden that world out there becomes your reality and the Kingdom of Yahweh goes on the back burner.

That's why I say **you have to plan with the end in mind**. You got to plan with the end in mind. And Yahweh is not in this world whatsoever. We are not the person that we were, hopefully. **We are not the person that we were but we are also not the person that we will become. You have to think every day on change. Think with the end in mind. There's a process we have to go through for the resurrection and it's not just going to happen. 1st Corinthians 15 verse 42:**

1st Corinthians 15:42-44 So also the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. There is a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body ... there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body ... These two worlds side by side ... verse 52:

1st **Corinthians 15:52-53** In a moment, in the blinking of an eye, at the last trumpet; the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Wow, got to think with the end of mind. As you get older you get up there's aches, pains. Couple weeks ago, I was out in the garden pouring dirt and my back went out and I just went down and I couldn't get up. I had to crawl. I think Moriyah and Petra thought I had a heart attack because I was just lying there screaming. I couldn't get up. I couldn't move it was like this squeezing in my back but you just think about that. It's strange because like I said we're living in this façade, this fake world, and yet we're trying to hold onto these bodies instead of shedding these bodies looking for that glorious body.

That's why I say all these crazy things of makeup and coloring your hair and all this other stuff. Even when people die sometimes, oh he looks pretty good doesn't he? Like he's dead ... he's dead in there. They try to make the person up and make him look real good. It's like c'mon even death. That's what these people look for. That's all they have. All they have is this life. So that goes ... they don't believe in the resurrection. And that's why I say; when I die you'll see me in that coffin with a smile on my face and just see you later. See you on the other side. There's nothing here to hold on to. As

long as Yahweh has for a purpose that's great, but when that purpose is over there aint anything in this world that I want. Nothing whatsoever! You got to think with the end in mind.

The person you are today is stemmed from the person you were yesterday and it's rooted in who you will be tomorrow. So like I said change doesn't just happen. You got to work on it. You are the person today, it stemmed from where you were yesterday and if change doesn't come you're going to be the same person tomorrow. And that's why I say, and I don't know if you really concept this, but the Kingdom of Yahweh is a constant. If you go into the Kingdom of Yahweh with a broken leg, you'll have a broken leg for eternity because nothing changes in the Kingdom of Yahweh; it's a constant. But that's why you won't go in with a broken leg, that's why when Yahshua returns, what happens? He heals all sickness. There is no death. The last enemy is death because once we get there it would be a constant.

But if you don't overcome these things now you're not going to go into the Kingdom of Yahweh with anger, with hate, with lust, with greed and with covetous spirit. We need to overcome these things so that we're ready. The person you are today it stemmed from the person you were yesterday and it's rooted in who you will be tomorrow. This is why your belief system and your core values are so important. **The Ten Commandments are the character of Yahweh**. They're His character. They're not just a bunch of do's and don'ts. They're His character. Just as your core values have led to the person you are today. Matthew 6:33:

Matthew 6:33 Seek first the kingdom, and all these things will be added to you.

Right, pro-active person has focus, drive, ambition and zeal for the work of Yahweh. All decisions, goals, priorities are for the Kingdom ... all decisions, goals and priorities for the Kingdom. And I've read this many times in Matthew 10 –

Matthew 10:37-39 The one loving father or mother more than me is not worthy of Me. The one loving son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take up his torture stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. The one finding his life will lose it and the one losing his life on account of Me shall find it.

And I say because we love Yahweh more it doesn't mean we love our family less because we love Yahweh more it doesn't mean we love our family less. But you better love Yahweh more. And if you don't have a personal relationship, if you don't hear His voice, if you don't hear Him speaking to you from His Word, there's a problem. You have to know Him in a personal way. Exodus 20:1-3:

Exodus 20:1-3 And Elohim spoke all these words, saying, I am YAHWEH your Elohim, who has brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You shall not have any other Elohim before My face.

The first Commandment, greatest Commandment, we are to love Yahweh with our heart, mind, soul and strength. And if you do that everything else in life falls in order, because you know something? I tell people this sometimes when I'm counseling for marriage that you don't know that person could be there for one year, they could be there for fifty years in marriage, but that person you're marrying, male or female, doesn't matter if you're male or female you married a husband or a wife ... that person isn't going to be there at your judgment day. And that person can't change you. They can help you. They can inspire you but you have to change. You have to have that relationship with Yahweh.

That is the focus of mine because nothing's changed. If anything my faith is only a thousand times magnified. So it's either true or it's not. Either Yahweh parted that Red Sea or He didn't. It can't be hope. It can't be boy this world is so bad I sure hope He's up there! If that's all you got, bye, bye. You aint going to make it. You're not going to make it on hope. You got to make it on belief. It's full assurance because if you don't have that when the tough times come you will never go through it. Like I said you'll become reactive. You'll go on emotions. You'll go on

feelings. And you have to be this way. You have to have the end in mind. You got to focus on the Kingdom of Yahweh every single day. It's got to be in your thought with every single action that comes.

And community helps us to be this way because when you live in community then you're not the oddball out there. You're not the oddball out there where all the world is thinking one way and you have to fight this every day. When you're in community it actually is cold water to your soul because everybody is thinking that way. The system that you're thinking in your mind is being enacted every single day in that community. How wonderful to wake up and have devotions in the whole community every day before everybody goes out to work you have your devotion every day. It could be ten or twenty minutes but you start the day together as a community, to eat together as a community, worship together as a community, live together as a community. So this helps us to keeps us this way. And you have to have a plan of action.

Like I said, unfortunately we don't have the time here. I've went over with most of you with goal setting. I hope you're still doing it. You should have a plan of action. You should have a goal to everything. And **the more defined that plan of action is, the greater you're going to accomplish it**. So I taking something simple you want to lose weight. You can't just have a goal I want to lose weight because it's not a defined enough goal. You'll think about it for a day or two and that will be it. No, you have to say, I want to lose twenty pounds **by this date**. And like I said it's got to be in writing because once it's in writing you can't change it; it's there. Now it's part of history.

A – I'm not going to eat fried foods. B – I won't eat between meals. C – I'm only going to eat vegetables ... whatever it is. You have to have a plan of action and then you got to read it every day. And then after a week you see, is it working out? Ah, no it's not really working out, you put sugar on this. Okay, let me put down – no white sugar, no cookies, no donuts. And then **you have to keep looking. You have to keep molding. You have to keep shaping it.** But you got to have a plan of action.

I've said many times before the most successful people in the world are not the richest people. They're not the ones who have the most education or came from the best families. They're **the ones who had goals and wrote them down** because that's going to make you accomplish it. You got it write it down and then you got to follow through and that's being pro-active. Because a pro-active person, just that it's in writing will do it. So I love it because it actually makes me feel good that at the beginning of the weeks I could have a list of thirty things to do. And it's like, ah it's only one week until the feast! But the great part is, as I keep checking them off and checking them and checking them off, you feel good about it. You're feeling a sense of accomplishment. So I might say to myself, you know what I'm not going to have that cup of coffee until I do these five things. And then you do those five things and now I deserve that coffee! I got this done.

And it's got to be the most important things. You can't leave the most important things till the last and have goal 1, brush my teeth, goal 2 walk to the refrigerator. It's got to be important stuff you're getting done and then the other things are fillers that you fill in. A lot of people it's the opposite. They have mostly fillers and then the important stuff gets shoved somewhere. But you got to do it. You got to have it. And this is what's going to make you be very, very productive.

People ask me all the time especially when traveling, how do I get so much done as one person? And I can honestly say a hundred percent, it's doing this. Without doing this, because there's times where I don't have things written down and I'll say wow, this week went by quick and I didn't get a lot of stuff done. And I'll realize it was because I didn't have it written down. But when I have it written down, I'll do it because I have to. Because it's like it's there and there's something in you that makes you get it done.

So we want to make sure, the other thing is **having your priorities straight**. Number three ... number three. And it kind of goes with working with the end in mind - having your priorities straight. **As believers we must focus on relationships before schedule.**

So what can happen is, there was a guy I knew many, many years ago in the Church of God, he was actually one of my elders when I was very young ... Mr. Sargent. And his name fit his personality. He was a real good guy. I mean he was like when I met him, he was almost 50 and he looked like he was 30. He was a runner, he used to run every day like five miles, but like he had every single written down in his life: wake up 6:12, brush my teeth 6:13 and 34 seconds, 7:02 eat the cornflakes, 7:04 kiss my wife. I mean everything. I couldn't believe the charts he was showing me for his cars ... which is good to a degree but **it's about people**, it's about people.

What happens is sometimes when you get too much into the goal setting part of it and the schedule part of it you miss the aspect of the relationship. So why we're trying to do this is to make our relationships better. As a father, if I want to do this that means I have less time with my wife and my daughter. That means I have less time with Yahweh. So I'm doing this to make my relationships better, not to just get a mentality of schedules and cycles.

We need to understand to live out your principles and priorities. Because time goes quick and we all know it. If we don't have focus to it we simply won't get it done. You have to know what you want your legacy to be. Like I said every one of you, if you don't have it, you better do it quick. Write down, I want my legacy to be this and then you get a plan of action for it. I want to be known as a leader of Yahweh that never compromised, that was loving; that people could come, that I was caring. Okay that's great, good thing to put on a tombstone but it doesn't make it real. What makes it real is having a plan of action and then every day of my life working toward that plan. But without the SPS – Specific Purpose Statement – without having that written down you don't know what you're working toward. So you need to have it.

And what it should be based on? It should be based on your spiritual gifts that Yahweh has given you because Yahweh made us as human beings. When are you the happiest in your life? When you're helping people, right? But not just when you're helping people, when you're helping people, at something you excel at. Doesn't that make you really happy? So if you're a builder and you can help to build the congregational hall, you feel great when you're putting that into practice. So Yahweh gave us spiritual gifts for a reason. It doesn't mean we won't do anything. Any of us could set up chairs or do whatever has to be done. That's fine, but I'm talking about as far as your plan of action, as far as your ministry it should be based on what you're spiritual gifts are. If not, it's not going to be enjoyable. Like if I had to be an interpreter, I am Italian so I can speak with my hands but I'm not really good at languages so that would not be enjoyable for me. And it certainly wouldn't be enjoyable for the person I'm interpreting for because they also get nothing out of it.

But if it's something I'm good at, like this ... some people say, how can earth can you go up there? How can you speak? How do you do the sermon? *Ah, I'm so scared*. That's actually the number one fear in life, is public speaking. People actually fear public speaking more than fearing death. To me, I just reframe it. I don't fear it because I'm not thinking about myself. I'm not thinking about making a mistake. I'm not thinking about looking stupid. I'm not thinking about ... all I'm thinking about is I can share. I can use this gift to share with people. I can share the Word of Yahweh. I can help inspire people. So when you're good at something you enjoy it because you're benefitting other people.

And that's the difference in this world. When you look at the big leaders in the world, they're not doing it to benefit other people. They're doing it to benefit themselves. So when you're thinking of your legacy, you're thinking of your ministry, plan. It's got to be something that you're gifted with because then you're going to happy and you're going to benefit other people by it.

We don't want to let the cares of life get involved. And I think I'll skip reading, you can put in your notes **Matthew 6:25-34.** You know we've read that many times, not be worried about the daily cares of life. But our priorities in life, what should our priorities be in life? **Number 1 – YAHWEH**; Yahweh's got to be the first, foremost and way above the other ones.

Number 2 of priorities ... and this can change. Everybody's priority doesn't have to be my priority but I put it this way. Yahweh should be the first one for us. But **number 2 should be bearing fruit and growing in the nine fruits of the Spirit.** And let me tell you why I put that before number 3. **Number 3 is family**. The reason why I put bearing fruit and growing in the nine fruits of the Spirit before family is because if I put my family before growing in fruit, then I'm really not going to benefit my family.

The way I benefit my family is by the fruits I'm growing in. So they're not for me, those fruits are to benefit other people. So that's why growing in your gifts, the nine fruits of the Spirit really should be before family because that's going to benefit your family. Family 3, and friends 4, and serving others 5. You got other things in there ... work, whatever. These are just the priorities I put - basic priority. But the key is that Yahweh and bearing fruit has got to be our top priorities in life. Set a schedule, like I said for your priorities. Have them written down. Make sure you're doing the most important things.

Genesis 1:26 ... Genesis 1:26 ... we'll be finished in about 5 minutes and just go with questions and answers ... Genesis 1:26:

Genesis 1:26-28 And Elohim said, let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth. And Elohim created the man in His own image; in the image of Elohim He created him. He created them male and female. And Elohim blessed them; and Elohim said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the land, and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the seas, and the birds of the heavens, and over all the beasts creeping on the earth.

So wow, Yahweh made mankind stewards over the earth. Think about that for a minute. Yahweh made you a steward over the earth. Do you know what a steward is? A steward is a care keeper. So think about it, think about if you had a garden in your back yard and all of sudden Yahshua came to you and He said, I want you to be the keeper of the garden for Me. How will you go about it? How many weeds would be in that garden? Would you fertilize it? Would you water it? Want that fruit? Wouldn't you want to be the best for Him? And here it is He's taken this earth that He created and He's made us stewards over the earth. What does mankind know? Wouldn't you know they destroyed it having pollution and everything else. But He's really made us stewards of this. Luke 16 ... because what happens if we're not proper stewards? Luke 16 verse 1:

Luke 16:1-4 And He also said to His disciples, A certain man was rich; and had a steward, and this one was accused to him as squandering his wealth. And his master called him and said to him, What is this that I hear concerning you? Give to me an account of your stewardship, for you are not able any longer to be a steward for me. And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, for my Master is taking away the stewardship from me? I am not able to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I will do, that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their houses.

Luke 16:5-8 And having called to him each one of the debtors of his Master, he said to the first, How much do you owe my Master? And he said A hundred baths of oil. And he said to him, Take your statements and sitting quickly write fifty. Then he said to another, And you, how much do you owe? And he said, a hundred bushels of wheat. And he said to him, Take your statement and write eighty. And the Master applauded ... kind of sarcastically this means. Not that he's happy

he got ripped off, but he's sarcastically applauding the unrighteous steward because he's shrewd because he acted prudently ... For the sons of this age ... in satan's world ... are more prudent than the sons of light themselves in their generation.

Luke 16:9 And I also say to you, if you make for yourself friends from their wealth of injustice, when it is consumed ... and it will be consumed ... they will receive you into their everlasting habitations.

Comment: What are those habitations? Some people misunderstand this, I don't know how they do, maybe a bad translation. But they think it's a good thing what the unjust steward did. He's not called the unjust steward for nothing that he stole from his master. But it's not a good thing. He's saying if you do this ... how do they say one hand washes the other and both hands wash the face. If you live that way and you're doing something unrighteous for somebody else because you're going to get something from them you're going to end up just like this unrighteous steward here. You're going to end up in the lake of fire. That's what he said to him ...

Luke 16:10-13 He faithful in the least is also faithful in much. And he unrighteous in the least is also unrighteous in much. Then if you were not faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true to you? And if you were not faithful in that of another, who will give to you that which is your own? No servant is able to serve two Masters; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cling to one, and he will despise the other. You are not able to serve YAHWEH and wealth.

So here it is, wow if we are stewards for Yahweh, and that's what I say, in a matter of jobs, if you're doing a job that is unrighteous before Yahweh. It doesn't mean that every job ... **End of video.**