

The Next Chapter 4

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I Timothy 4:8 - For bodily exercise profits a little, but **godliness is profitable** for all things, having promise of the life that **now is** and of that which **is to come**. **NKJV**

2 Kinds of Profit

1. The Promise That is Now

II Corinthians 1:20 - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. **NKJV**

2. The Promise That is To Come – *Long-term Investments*

Revelation 22:12-13 – ¹² Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. **NIV**

3 Reasons People Don't Find Their Fit

1. CRITICAL

- List things wrong with church or why people are leaving the church – MAKE IT BETTER!
- Critic vs. participant – STATUES TO CRITICS?
- You don't do what you do for what others think or conclude, but because of God's purpose for your life.

Ephesians 4:29 - Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary **edification**, that it may **impart grace** to the hearers. **NKJV**

2. PRIORITIES

Whatever is out of its proper place will eventually become **FIRST** in your life.

Luke 9:59-10:2 – ⁵⁹ He said to another person, "**Come, be my disciple.**" The man agreed, but he said, "**Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.**" ⁶⁰ Jesus replied, "Let those who are spiritually dead care for their own dead. Your duty is to go and preach the coming of the Kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "**Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.**" ⁶² But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and **then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.**" ^{10:1} The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them on ahead

in pairs to all the towns and villages he planned to visit. ² These were his instructions to them: **"The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. Pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest, and ask him to send out more workers for his fields."**

Whatever you put "first" is going to determine the where you end up!

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first and make his kingdom and his righteousness your primary concern, and all these things will be given to you as well. *NIV/LB*

3. CONDEMNATION

Romans 8:1-2 – ¹ Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. *NIV*

Condemnation is when you believe God has placed His Judgment AGAINST YOU!