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Exercise More?

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

1 Timothy 4:8

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Lose Weight?

- Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- ³²(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matt 6:31-33

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Get Organised?

- 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
 Proverbs 3:5-6

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3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Proverbs 16:3

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Learn a new skill or hobby?

- 103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.
- Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:103-105

Learn a new skill or hobby?

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Learn a new skill or hobby?

- If All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Tim 3:16-17

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Live life to the fullest?

¹⁰ I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Live life to the fullest?

- For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:
- Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.
- For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1 Peter 3:10-12

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Save more money/spend less money?

- Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
- ²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

 Matt 6:19-21

Save more money/spend less money?

- Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.
- Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

Haggai 1:6-7

Save more money/spend less money?

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10

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Quit Smoking?

God offers two choices:

Smoking or Non Smoking!





- You get to choose!
 - Don't blame God if you reject the nonsmoking Eternal accommodation!

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More Time with Family?

- But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

 1 Thess 4:13-18

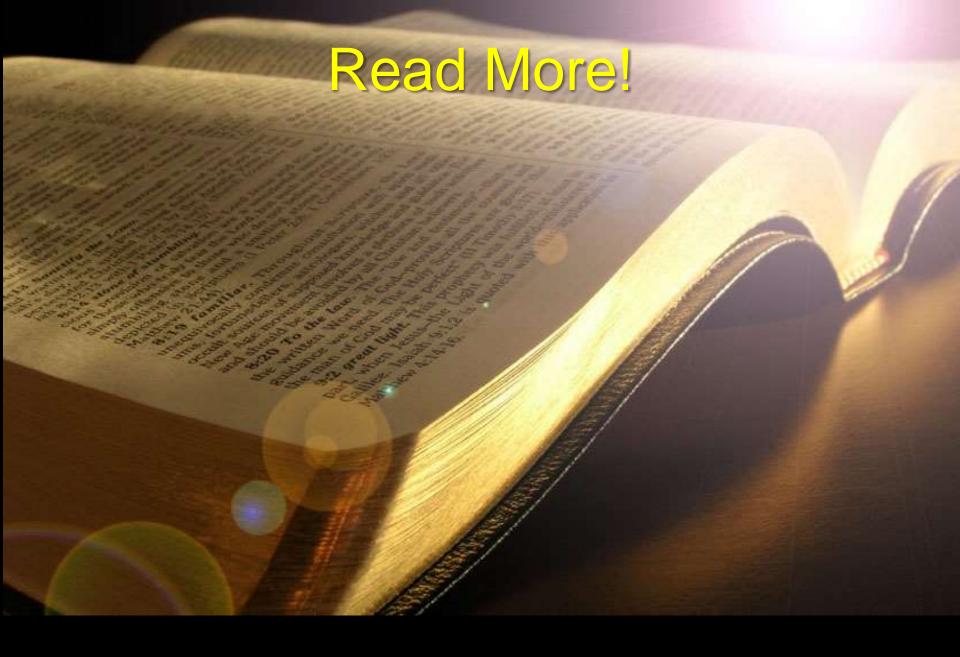
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- For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

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A Reason For The Hope

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

1 Peter 3:15



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- By giving back to God the best he has given us we honour God and demonstrate our love for our children 1 Samuel 1:27-28 / Psalm 78:1-4

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

Jim Elliot



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