

WEEK 4: PERSONAL STUDY DAY 1

CLARIFYING YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

What is a God-given assignment?

Is there anything on your list that you had not thought about being a God-given assignment? Explain.

How do you think seeing these things as God-given assignments will help you steward them with more care and diligence?

Make a list of everyone God has entrusted to you and everything God has called you to do. Are there things you are spending a lot of time on that are *not* on your list? What does that indicate?

Take a few moments to discuss this with someone close to you. Ask him what he perceives are your God-given assignments. Did he think of anything that should be on your list that wasn't?

WEEK 4: PERSONAL STUDY DAY 2

WALKING CAREFULLY IN YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

Read *Ephesians 5:15-17*

Why do so many people move through life without much careful thought?

How could taking more time to “ponder” your life, decisions, time, calendar, change your life in positive ways?

How could taking more time to “ponder” disrupt your life in challenging ways?

Why is it essential to think carefully about how you spend your time each week?

Are there any important areas of your life being neglected because you are not being careful about your time or because your priorities are wrong? What changes do you need to make?

WEEK 4: PERSONAL STUDY DAY 3

ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS

Read *Proverbs 4:25-26*

If you want to live a priority-driven life and faithfully fulfill your God-given assignments, you must ask important and challenging questions like:

- Are any of my God-given assignments suffering due to lack of attention?
 - Are there certain things I need to say no or yes to this week?
 - Are there any assignments that need more attention right now?
 - Are there any assignments I am avoiding right now?
 - Are any of my assignments suffering because of the amount of time I am spending on something that is not an assignment?
 - Do my priorities and time this week reflect what is most important?
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Are you in the habit of asking important questions like these? If not, why not?
What keeps you from taking the time to do this?

How could your life change if you asked questions like this regularly?
What benefit would it be?

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ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS

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Take time to answer some of the bulleted questions now.

What do the answers to those questions reveal?

Share some of your answers with another man you trust. Ask him to help you assess yourself honestly in these areas.

WEEK 4: PERSONAL STUDY DAY 4

THE PRIORITY OF THE CHURCH

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-27

Are you actively engaged and committed to a local church? If so, how?
If not, what is keeping you from this?

What role does the local church play in your life? Are you giving it the kind of attention and time it deserves?

If the church is the bride and body of Christ, what does that tell us about how God feels about the church? What does that say about how we should feel about the church?

Why is the local church essential to your life, growth, and progress?

Why is the local church essential to the growth and health of your family?

WEEK 4: PERSONAL STUDY DAY 5

THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD

Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Where do you feel overwhelmed or inadequate?

Where do you feel that the most? Are there certain areas in which those feelings are more prominent?

When you have those feelings, how do you typically respond? Are you avoiding any areas of responsibility because of those feelings?

From our reading in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, how did Paul view those feelings?

If you are not sufficient, but God is, how should those feelings continually drive you to Him? Read John 15:5. How does this verse, combine with your feelings of inadequacy, drive you to greater intimacy with Jesus?