

# How Do You Know Your Life is Counting for God?

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## I. Introduction.

II. We cannot ultimately know whether our life is counting for God because Jesus is the one keeping score, but we often measure it the wrong way anyway.

A. We ask if our lives *have* counted for God. (Isaiah 43:18)

B. We ask if our lives *will* count for God. (Matthew 6:33-34; Proverbs 27:1)

## III. A life counting for God does not depend on...

A. Geography. (Acts 8)

B. The nature of what we are doing. (Isaiah 20)

C. Our production. (Luke 10)

D. Our training. (Judges 3:31)

## IV. A life counting for God can be determined by...

A. Determining whether you are where God wants you to be. Take careful notes on the leading of God to know that you are where you are by God's appointment. (Romans 14:23)

B. Determining whether you are doing what God wants you to do in the way he wants you to do it.

1. God is not trying to hide his will from us. (Hebrews 11:6; John 14:1; Colossians 2:6)

2. Worry, self-effort and an inferiority complex shows a lack of trust in God. (1 Thessalonians 1:4)

3. Check whether you are walking with God.

4. Check whether you are obeying God who has your best interest at heart. (Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:8; Ecclesiastes 12:13)

5. Check whether you are serving the body of Christ. (Mark 10:45; Matthew 23:11; Galatians 6:2; Proverbs 12:25; 1 Corinthians 14:3; Romans 14:19; 15:1-2; Proverbs 13:10)

6. Check whether you have a can-do personality. (Philippians 4:8; Proverbs 17:22; 15:30; 15:16)

7. Dangers on our walk: becoming judgmental, becoming negative and becoming proud.

8. Check whether you are working hard. Work overcomes boredom, vice and poverty. (Proverbs 14:23; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23)

9. Check whether you are under authority to parents, spiritual leaders, your spouse, the government, etc. (Ephesians 6:1; 5:23-24; Romans 13:1-2; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:18-19; Hebrews 13:17)

10. Check whether you are morally pure. (1 Corinthians 6:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15-16)

11. Check whether you are a quitter. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

12. Check whether you are a team player. (Philippians 2:3-4; Ecclesiastes 2:9-10; Matthew 18:19-20; Leviticus 26:8)

#### V. Conclusion.

#### **Application questions:**

1. What are wrong ways of measuring your walk with God? Why are they wrong?

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2. What are some ways we can serve the body of Christ?

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3. What checks are you most concerned with not meeting? How can these be areas of growth?

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