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1. Be _____ with the _____.

- Don't focus on where you want to _____; be faithful with where you _____. (Matthew 25:21)
- Jesus can bring _____ to the _____.
- Being on mission for God is a cure for the _____.

Are you being faithful with the responsibilities God has presently given you?

2. Be _____.

Psalm 46:10a

"Be still and know that I am God"

- _____ your _____; make some God-room in your schedule.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

- Shepherds were free to _____ when God _____.

Luke 14:16-21

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' ¹⁹Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' ²⁰Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' ²¹The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

What do you need to lay down that will allow you to pick up the mission God is calling you to?

3. Be an _____.

- A life on mission pursues what brings the most _____ to _____.
- _____ is the cure for _____.
- Being on mission always involves _____ the _____.

Are you being intentional about what brings God the most glory?





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