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The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, "That's mine; you can't have it." They shared everything. **Acts 4:32 (MSG)**

We are not property _____, but property _____.

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone."²⁰ You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"²¹ "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." **Luke 18:18-25 (NIV)**

I CAN AVOID MISSING THE LIFE GOD HAS FOR ME IF...

1. I Allow Jesus To Be My _____, My _____, & My _____.

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"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? **Luke 6:46 (NIV)**

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am."¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him."¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. **John 13:13-17 (NIV)**

2. I _____ To What God Wants To Tell Me.

You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"²¹ "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said. **Luke 18:20-21 (NIV)**

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry... **James 1:19 (NIV)**

God gave us _____ & _____. So Listen _____ As _____!

Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them." **Luke 8:18 (NIV)**

"But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and covered their ears."¹² They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law

or to the words that the LORD Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. So the LORD Almighty was very angry."¹³ "'When I called, they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen,' says the LORD Almighty. **Ezekiel 7:11-13 (NIV)**

3. I Understand That Earthly _____ Cannot _____ Me.

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. **Mark 10:20-21 (NIV)**

You can have _____ & _____ without _____.

He has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the end. **Ecclesiastes 3:11 (AMP)**

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." **Jeremiah 2:13 (NIV)**

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,"¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **John 4:13-14 (NIV)**

4. I _____ & _____ Myself Of All _____.

At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. **Mark 10:22 (NLT)**

IDOL: A _____ Desire I Cannot See My Future _____.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." **Luke 9:57-62 (NIV)**

The Lord says "I was ready to respond, but no one asked for help. I was ready to be found, but no one was looking for me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am!' to a nation that did not call on my name."² All day long I opened my arms to a rebellious people. But they follow their own evil paths and their own crooked schemes."³ All day long they insult me to my face by worshiping idols in their sacred

gardens. They burn incense on pagan altars. ⁴ At night they go out among the graves, worshiping the dead. Isaiah 65:1-4 (NLT)

5. I _____ My _____ With Jesus Above All Else.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4 (NIV)

Goal: Not to just stop you from _____, but to start _____.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)