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Own Your Life

What comes to your mind when you hear the word “own”? Chances are, thoughts of possessions and belongings immediately come to mind, and rightly so. To own something means to take responsibility for it, to care for it, and to be intentional about how it's handled, simply because it's yours.

Nobody recklessly mishandles what truly belongs to them. A person who treasures something takes care of it, nurtures it, and ensures that it grows. The same is true of your life.

Your life is your own. It is not your neighbour's, not a random occurrence, and not even God's in terms of day-to-day responsibility. In Matthew 25:14–15, Jesus describes a master who gave his goods to his servants. Once given, those goods became theirs to manage. Likewise, God has entrusted life to you, and so it is now up to you to steward it well. Until you recognize and accept this truth, moving forward will be difficult.

Many of us delay progress because we haven't truly “owned” our lives. We make excuses, blame others, or wait for change without acting. We tend to forget

that everything within our sphere (job, relationships, time) is connected to us. They are all part of our lives and we must own them!

The moment you begin to understand and embrace a mindset of ownership, diligence will naturally follow in your life. Consider the parables in Luke 15:4–8: the lost sheep and the lost coin. The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to find the one sheep because it is his. The woman lights a lamp and searches carefully for her lost coin because it belongs to her. Beloved, ownership fuels persistence, focus, and excellence.

When you own your life, you stop quitting. You ask, “What do I need to do? How can I move forward?”

This mindset will produce excellence and fruitfulness, no matter the conditions. The difference between the servants in the parable of the

talents was ownership. The faithful ones traded their talents because they saw them as theirs. The unfaithful servant hid his, seeing it only as his master's. He said “I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.” Don't make the same mistake.

To truly own your life and bear lasting fruits, you must stay connected to Jesus. As He said in John 15:5, “Without Me, you can do nothing.” With God's help, you will be able to grow, pray, and live purposefully. So, own your life! Take responsibility, pursue excellence, and you'll one day hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

More grace to you. Amen!

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