

A SCATTERED LIFE

PROVERBS 11:24

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Message Title: A Scattered Life

Message Text: Proverbs 11:24

Introduction:

God has been teaching our church family that the great commission of Jesus Christ is for each of *us*. We are responsible to take the Gospel to the world in this generation. Our path is through Kettering to the uttermost parts of the earth. If this is to be accomplished, we must all participate in the going. To this end, let's consider a simple principle of life with powerful application to our personal participation in taking the Good News to the world.

1. An Enduring _____ (24)

Proverbs 11:24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; And there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

DEFINITION—SCATTER: *to distribute loosely; to sprinkle*

DEFINITION—WITHHOLD: *to hold back; refuse to hand over or share; to reserve, to deprive*

NOTE — One grain of wheat can produce eight or more heads with over 40 seeds per head.

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WHAT IS IT THAT WE CAN SCATTER OR WITHHOLD?

2. An Enlarging _____

GBC MISSION STATEMENT: To engage in the *complete fulfillment* of the great commission of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit to the Glory of God.

Matthew 28:19–20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

MISSION REALITIES

There are _____ unreached people groups in the world. _____ billion souls will live and die without ever hearing the name of Jesus or His Gospel.

Independent Baptist send only _____ of its memberships to the mission field.

Only _____ of those graduating from Independent Baptist Bible Colleges are planning to go to the mission field.

Independent Baptists give an average of _____ per week to missions.
(*There are 8,250,000 Independent Baptists and 9,403 Independent Baptist Churches*)

13 Trillion — Christian GDP in USA

213 Billion — Christian giving to all causes

11 Billion — Christian giving to missions - all groups

_____ — Used to reach the unreached

3. An Exalted _____

Hebrews 12:1–3 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Mark 15:39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

4. An Essential _____

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

QUOTE: The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time. — Carl Henry

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

QUOTE: Find where God is working and join them there. —Henry Blackaby

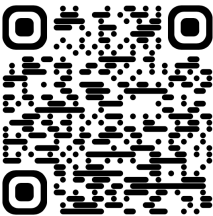
WHAT HAS GOD GIVEN YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH IT?

Conclusion

QUOTE: I am not afraid of failure; I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter. — William Carey

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