

Lifeshift

5th Gear: Spiritual Output

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (Eph. 5:15-16)

5th Gear: maximizing your spiritual output by...

- **Engaging your gifts around the needs** – “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Pet. 4:10)

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, “Come back later; I’ll give it tomorrow” – when you now have it with you. (Prov. 3:27)

¶ **Note: we serve not because we must (guilt) but because we care (love)** – “I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.” (Phil. 4:10)

- **Engaging the outsider around the gospel** – “Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Col. 4:5-6)
- **Engaging today around the God-moments** – “On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.” (Acts 16:13-14)

“Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.’” (John 5:17)

- **Engaging your resources around kingdom work** – “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)

- **Engaging your heart around God’s Son** – “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:4-5)

5th Gear is about letting God drive, not you...

“You are not your own; you were bought at a price.” (1 Cor. 6:19-20)