

# Get Prepared

*Sermon by Todd Lester*

*June 22, 2015*

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## 1. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ MY HEART

*(have my h\_\_\_\_\_ right)*

Job 11:13-16, Joshua 3:5, 1 John 1:9, 2 Timothy 2:21

## 2. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ MY BODY

*(have my h\_\_\_\_\_ right)*

Romans 6:13, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Psalm 127:2, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Your body: The Father \_\_\_\_\_ it, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for it, The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ in it.  
You can \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ it, or \_\_\_\_\_ it,

## 3. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ MY SCHEDULE

*(have my h\_\_\_\_\_ right)*

Psalm 90:12 (NIV), Hebrews 12:1, 2 Timothy 2:4, Luke 9:62

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## 4. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ MY FAITH

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Jude 1:20 (NCV), 1 Timothy 4:7b

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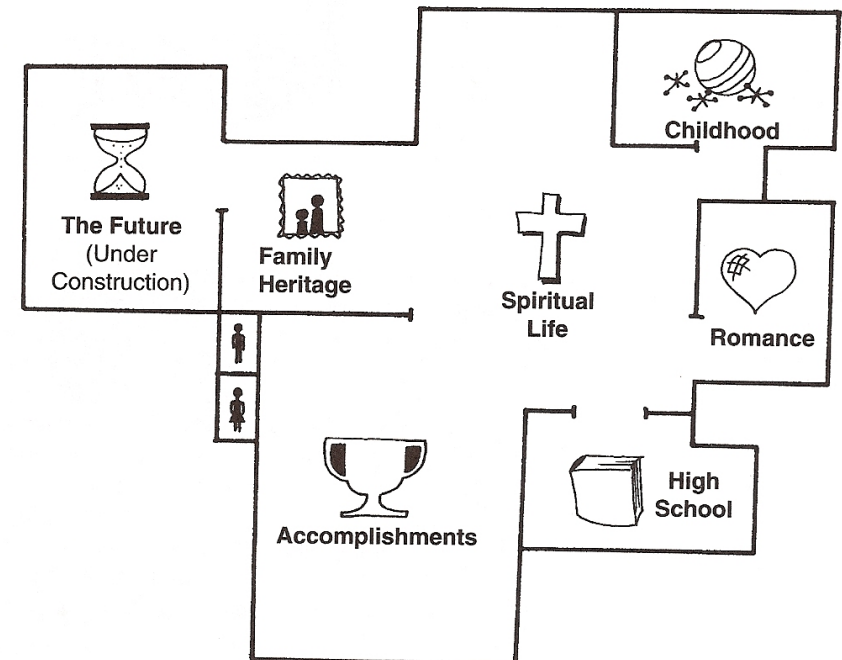
Matthew 5:16, Colossians 3:17

# My Museum

Your unique experiences have in many ways prepared you for the purpose and mission that God has planned for your life. Use this activity to reflect on things from your past that have been influential in shaping the person you've become.

Congratulations! A wealthy committee of good-hearted citizens has decided to build a museum in your honour! The museum has been built and now it is up to you to help create the displays.

Think of a memento (or mementos) from your life that will be in each exhibit of your museum. [for the exhibit called 'The Future' think about what you hope to put in that area someday].



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## Icebreaker/Introduction

The 'My Museum' activity focuses on the idea that our experience in our lives help to prepare us for the purpose and mission God has for us. Read through the instructions together and allow time for participants to complete their museum. Then ask each person to share some (or all, or as many as they'd like) of the items they placed there and why?

## Read Luke 12:35-37

Ask if there was anything from this week's message that stood out – either a point that was made that really resonated with them, or perhaps a question or difficulty that came up for them.

### **1. I MUST PURIFY MY HEART** *(have my heart right)*

**Focuses on Job 11:13-16, Joshua 3:5, 1 John 1:9, 2 Timothy 2:21**

Can you think of some people from the Bible who confessed their need for a pure heart? (David after his affair with Bathsheba and death of her husband – Psalm 51, Isaiah in the temple – Isaiah 6:5, tax collector in prayer – Luke 18:13)

When Todd mentioned doing a moral inventory can you recall some of the things he included in the checklist? – resentments, insecurities, fears, worries, guilt, dishonesty. Can you think of others? What would be one area you feel you should/could focus on (and why)?

### **2. I MUST SANCTIFY MY BODY** *(have my health right)*

**Focuses on Romans 6:13, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Psalm 127:2, 1 Corinthians 10:31**

Todd reminded us that to sanctify something is to dedicate it to God and that you can do this with almost anything (eg. marriage, job, house). Have you ever dedicated something to God (besides your life)?

1 Corinthians 6:20 says we are to honour God with our body - Todd mentioned that one way we do that is by taking care of our body. Can you think of other ways we can honour Him with our bodies? What are specific ways that we can take care of our bodies?

Your body: The Father created it, Jesus died for it, The Holy Spirit lives in it.

You can reject it, neglect it, perfect it, or protect it,

### **3. I MUST SIMPLIFY MY SCHEDULE** *(have my hours right)*

**Focuses on Psalm 90:12 (NIV), Hebrews 12:1, 2 Timothy 2:4, Luke 9:62**

Todd pointed out that we could cut our half of the things we do out of our life and be better off emotionally, spiritually and relationally. What is one thing you could cut out of your life and know that it would be of great benefit?

Todd encouraged us to maximize our time for things that matter most. What matters most to you? Do you schedule time for it? How?

1. Make a plan 2. Be ruthless with distractions

### **4. I MUST FORTIFY MY FAITH** *(have my hope right)*

**Focuses on Jude 1:20 (NCV), 1 Timothy 4:7b**

We fortify our faith through the church and the Word of God.

What are some ways that the church has fortified your faith? What are some things it could do in order to further strengthen your walk with Jesus?

Give an example of a time when the Bible helped to give you the strength, or wisdom, or whatever you may have needed at the time.

Can you remember a specific passage that has been helpful to you?

### **5. I MUST INTENSIFY MY PASSION FOR GOD** *(have my heart right)*

**Focuses on Matthew 5:16, Colossians 3:17**

Todd reminded us that God uses people with a fervent faith. Who in your life do you know, or have known, who is/was passionate for God?

John 17:4 shows that we bring glory to God when we fulfill the work that He has for us to do. What do you believe is the work that God has for you? That is, do you have a sense of God's purpose/plan for your life? How can you find it if you don't?

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Job 11:13-16 If only you would prepare your heart and lift up your hands to Him in prayer! Get rid of your sins, and leave all iniquity behind you. Then your face will brighten with innocence. You will be strong and free of fear. You will forget your misery; it will be like water flowing away.

Joshua 3:5 Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you."

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

2 Timothy 2:21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

## **2. I MUST SANCTIFY MY BODY**

*(have my health right)*

Romans 6:13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body.

Psalms 127:2 It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

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## **3. I MUST SIMPLIFY MY SCHEDULE**

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Psalms 90:12 (NIV) Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Hebrews 12:1 Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

2 Timothy 2:4 Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.

Luke 9:62 But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

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## **4. I MUST FORTIFY MY FAITH**

*(have my hope right)*

Jude 1:20 (NCV) But dear friends, use your most holy faith to build yourselves up, praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:20 But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

1 Timothy 4:7b ...train yourself to be godly.

**We fortify our faith through the church and the Word of God.**

## **5. I MUST INTENSIFY MY PASSION FOR GOD**

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Matthew 5:16 Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.