Introduction

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- Too much to do.
- No Margin.

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We need to build our life on the Word of God. Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 10-14

Look at the words Moses uses to describe how important this is to God.

- Be Careful
- Remember how he led you, humbled you and tested you...

Why did God do all of this?

“To teach you that man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

Grow

Do not forget the Lord!

- There is a danger with prosperity.
- There is a danger with busyness.

Grow

The answer is to build our life on the Word of God.

- Psalm 1 – like a tree firmly planted by streams of water – continually refreshed, continually bearing fruit.
- John 15:7-8 – Abiding in his word, bearing fruit in our life.
  “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Grow

It is not hard. It is not complex. But it does take a commitment on our part to do it.
Use our gifts to the fullest for God’s glory. Deuteronomy 6:13-19

“For the Lord and serve him only.”

“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Luke 16:13

“Whatever we do, we should do it as working for the Lord. It is the Lord Christ we are serving.”
Colossians 3:23-24

Give your life away.
Service involves ministry inside and outside the church.

The goal is to multiply our faith into the lives of others:
- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Mentoring
- Teaching and Training
- Giving (Stewardship)
- Missions
- Meeting Needs

**Conclusion**

What are the keys to a God centered life?
- Worship – Love God above all else.
- Grow – Build your life on the Word of God
- Serve – Use your gifts to the fullest for God’s glory.