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**2020 Live Your Best Life: Integrity, Focus, & Commitment**

Luke 16:1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

**A. Your decade will need a strategy, not just a dream.**

1. Use a WIN wheel to see all the important areas at the SAME time.
2. Every area needs a goal, every goal needs a strategy, and every strategy needs a task.
3. To figure out what you want, go Big List → Little List → Choices.

**B. It will take Integrity: Do what you say.**

1. Most things follow this pattern: Think it → SPEAK it → Act on it → It happens.

2. Integrity means doing what you say to others and yourself. Don't allow flakiness with yourself.
3. This is more than what you "PROMISE." It is also what you imply by position or widely accepted standard.

**C. It will take focus: Do it now.**

1. Focus creates power. Focused light will start a fire, and focused water will cut steel.
2. You have TWO primary enemies to your focus: procrastination and unconscious actions.
3. Unfocused procrastination comes in 3 flavors:
  - a. Classic. We put off doing what we know we should until we FEEL better. (Trap based on a fallacy.)
  - b. Creative avoidance. We fill our day with menial tasks so we are busy being busy.
  - c. Priority drift. You never get to the important things because you treat all tasks as EQUALLY important.
4. Unconscious actions. Life is busy so we make lots of decisions without thinking. You have to continually force yourself to do the RIGHT thing, right now.

**D. Commitment: Do it with everything you've got.**

1. Change "Should I?" to "How will I?"
2. Most of the important decisions aren't to find "greener grass," they're to grow greener grass.
3. Your biggest problem will be the emotional energy to push past the pivot point.