

I believe I am a New Creation. Help me practically understand what that looks like.

1. Colossians 4:1-6

a.	Devote yourselves to		,	prayer.
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- b. Pray for your leaders, that they have opportunity to proclaim God's message ______, and _____.
- c. Be ______ in your activities, conversations, and attitudes.
- d. Take advantage of ______ opportunities God gives you.

2. I Timothy 6

- a. Show ______ for your boss, especially if he/she is a believer.
- b. Don't ______ your time with controversies / quarrels about words.
- c. Learn to be ______ with what God has given you. The idea that more money and possessions will solve problems and/or make me happy is a ______ that ends with ruin, destruction, and grief.
- d. _____ life in such a way that it honors God, pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

3. Matthew 25:14-30

- a. We are to use **whatever God has given** us, in **whatever amount** He has given it, **within the circumstances** and life experience God has placed us, **according to His commands** and **within His boundaries**.
- Whatever he has given us: a home, hospitality, knowledge, wisdom, administrative skills, craftsman skills, creativity, time, specialty skills, Biblical knowledge, spiritual gifts and talents, opportunities, resources, and stuff.
- c. Whatever amount: novice, amateur, professional (skills) enough, plentiful, in excess (possessions)
- d. Circumstances and life experience: poor vs. wealthy, urban vs. rural, daily vs. weekly vs. monthly vs. annual, upfront vs. behind the scenes, hard vs. mundane vs. simple

4. I Peter 2:1-3, 11-12, 17

- a. Stop thinking and acting like you did ______ you were saved.
- b. ______ in your faith by the spiritual nourishment of God's Word.
- c. Live such ______ lives that you enemies have no choice but to acknowledge the changes God has made in your life.
- d. Have a proper view of ______. (respect, love, fear, honor)

God has not left any of us without motive, means, and opportunity to serve Him and make a difference in the Kingdom He is building. We simply need to be _____.

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