

Ordinary Matters

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Questions: What is the most “ordinary” Christmas letter you’ve written or received? What was the most interesting?

An extraordinary life is made up of ordinary moments lived well.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:58

Living enthusiastically for Jesus will often feel very ordinary and always involves the most mundane moments and aspects of our lives.

Ordinary things that make an extraordinary difference:

1. How we handle our money.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:2

Giving should be regular and systematic.

2. How we make our plans.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:5–6; James 4:15–16



Finding God’s will for your life really starts with the ordinary.

- **God’s will is for you to be saved.**

Read 1 Timothy 2:3–4

- **God’s will is for you to be Spirit-filled**

Read Ephesians 5:18–19

- **God’s will is for you to be sanctified.**

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7

Sanctification: how we live and treat others should increasingly reflect who Jesus is and what he has done in our lives.

- **God’s will is for you to serve others.**

Read 1 Peter 4:10

If you focus on the ordinary, the “big decisions” of life will become much easier to discern.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:8–9

Questions: When has following God’s will resulted in life being easier? When has it resulted in difficulty?

Open doors and opposition are not mutually exclusive.

- **3. How we treat those in leadership:**

Read 1 Corinthians 16:10–11

4. Our attitudes.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13–14

5. Who we choose as our models.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:15–16

6. Encouraging and appreciating others.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:17–18

Questions: What ordinary thing do you need pay more attention to? How will you do that?