

## Work Hard to Please the Lord Who Saves Us

### 1. When do I wake up:

Why I wake up then: \_\_\_\_\_

When I could wake up: \_\_\_\_\_

What I would accomplish differently if I did: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. What I do first in my day: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I do that first: \_\_\_\_\_

What I might do first instead: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. What I do vocationally / am studying: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I am working this job/studying this field at this time: \_\_\_\_\_

What I might do as a job / major instead: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. This is my primary default behavior when I have free time: \_\_\_\_\_

Here's why I do this in my free time: \_\_\_\_\_

Here are 4 ideas of good things I could do instead:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Here is an area of my life that my closest friends have pointed out as needing to change:

...recently: \_\_\_\_\_

...for a while: \_\_\_\_\_

...a long time ago but I have done nothing about it: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is why I haven't done anything about it: fear / insecurity / rebellion / confusion / comfort

Here is someone I could seek out for help: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is one thing that could be different if I addressed this issue: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Where I spend my free money: *Food / Movies / Games / Sports / My family / Travel / Music / Hobbies*

Here is why I spend my money in this way: \_\_\_\_\_

Here are 2 causes that the Lord has made me aware of that I could support at all / more

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Here's when I tend to go to bed: Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_PM/AM / Situation: \_\_\_\_\_ or When I crash into bed or there's nothing else to do.

Here's why I go to bed at that time: \_\_\_\_\_

Here's a God-honoring thing I might get done differently if I went to bed at a different time.  
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### 8. Other areas to further examine at another time: \_\_\_\_\_

-My choice of wardrobe (why do I wear the clothing I wear? Do I choose for God or myself or others' view of me?)

-My choice of dating habits (Why am I attracted to the types of guys / women I pursue? Am I making choices that reflect my commitment to Jesus Christ?)

-My choice of friends I keep (Are we taking each other in a good direction?)

-My choice of books I read for pleasure (Do my choices help me please the Lord?)

-The kind of movies I watch (Do these movies please the Lord?)

-The amount of entertainment I seek each day/week (Is there a better use for my time than this? Is there something God wants me to do differently than what I have been doing?)

-My choices of the conversations I tend to have often

-Other areas you can think of yourself:

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1. Pleasing the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9-10)

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2. Do the Hard Work of \_\_\_\_\_

- Make a plan to evaluate your life regularly
- Alone or with a trusted friend / mentor

- Reasons we aren't discerning about our lives
  - o Feels like a waste of time
  - o Unbelief
  - o Pride
  - o Being wise in your own eyes / un-teachable (Proverbs 26:12)
  - o Busyness
  - o Overly-entertained
  - o Unresolved / un-dealt-with sin (Hebrews 3:13)
  - o Habits we get from family or friends (1 Cor. 15:33)

