

# LIVING LIFE EXPECTANTLY: GO GET YOUR DREAMS!

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Text: Luke 12: 16-21

People Expecting Amazing often operate with **faith, thankfulness, God-focus**, and **purpose**, contrasted by those who don't live expectantly, lacking this by tending to be **complaint-driven, self-focused**, or **lukewarm in faith**.

## I. WHEN I DREAM

- One third (6 years) of your lifetime is spent dreaming. That is over 2,100 days spent in a different world.
- Everybody dreams. EVERYBODY! However, most don't remember what they dream.
- 1-2 hours every night is spent dreaming, with between **4-7** dreams per night.
- **5** minutes after the end of the dream, half the content is forgotten. After 10 minutes **90%** is lost.
- You cannot dream and snore at the same time

The First Thing Necessary in Making a Dream Come True Is to **Wake** **up**! "The dream comes through much effort." Eccl. 5:3

## II. 5 KEYS TO AN EXPECTANT, VIBRANT LIFE

1. **Faith vs. Fear:** They trust God's promises (Hebrews 11:1), while others let fear of failure paralyze them.
2. **Purpose vs. Passivity**: They are engaged in God's call on their lives (Matthew 28:19-20), not just going through the motions (lukewarmness).
3. **Gratitude vs. Grumbling**: They give thanks and possess an "attitude of gratitude" (Philippians 2:14), not complaining, or frequently negatively shifting their perspective.
4. **Hope vs. Hopelessness:** They hold onto God's faithfulness (2 Timothy 2:13), even when things seem impossible.
5. **Hearing God vs. Vain Imaginings:** They tune into God's voice (like Samuel) over the crowd's, leading to different life choices (1 Samuel 3:10).

## III. HOW TO LAUNCH AND LIVE OUT MY DREAMS

1. Remove **all distractions**

"Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back... and run with endurance the particular race that God has set before us" Heb 12:1

2. Remember the **reason** for the dream, and the **reward** when it's realized

"To win this contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best. We do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the good with purpose in every step." 1 Cor. 9:25,26

3 Motivating Factors: • *Internal* • *External* • *Eternal*

3. Renew **myself daily**

"Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer." Ps. 94:19

- Through reading (self-feeding), journaling, fellowship and exposing myself to opportunities God presents to me

4. Resist **discouragement**

"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after awhile we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Gal. 6:9

5. Rely on **Jesus Christ**

"... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross." Heb. 12:2

"He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it" Phil 1:6

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11

Keep On Dreaming!