

# **TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**

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# **HACIENDO NEGOCIOS**

## **HACIENDO LOS NEGOCIOS DE NUESTRA VIDA**

### **Opening: DIOS DE LA CREACION FROM YOUTUBE**

(God of Wonders in Spanish with creation video clips)

Read along with me from God's Word.

### **Psalm 24**

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

*Salmos 24 - Salmo de David. Del Señor es la tierra y todo cuanto hay en ella, el mundo y cuantos lo habitan; porque él la afirmó sobre los mares, la estableció sobre los ríos.*

**It all is God's business.**

**Todos son los negocios de Dios.**

### **I am a steward!**

Last week we preached about God's world and our responsibility to care for it. Creation Care is a moral issue.

Today we are talking about "our life." We will discover that God claims life as his gift to us and so we must treat it with respect. It is his, not ours.

**IS IT MY LIFE OR NOT?**

**¿ES MI VIDA, O NO?**

## Genesis 2:15-25

God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order. God commanded the Man, "You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don't eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you're dead." God said, "It's not good for the Man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion." So God formed from the dirt of the ground all the animals of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the Man to see what he would name them. Whatever the Man called each living creature, that was its name. The Man named the cattle, named the birds of the air, named the wild animals; but he didn't find a suitable companion. God put the Man into a deep sleep. As he slept he removed one of his ribs and replaced it with flesh. God then used the rib that he had taken from the Man to make Woman and presented her to the Man.

The Man said, "Finally! Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh! Name her Woman for she was made from Man." Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife. They become one flesh. The two of them, the Man and his Wife, were naked, but they felt no shame.

*Dios el Señor tomó al hombre y lo puso en el jardín del Edén para que lo cultivara y lo cuidara, y le dio este mandato: «Puedes comer de todos los árboles del jardín, pero del árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal no deberás comer. El día que de él comas, ciertamente morirás.» Luego Dios el Señor dijo: «No es bueno que el hombre esté solo. Voy a hacerle una ayuda adecuada.» Entonces Dios el Señor formó de la tierra toda ave del cielo y todo animal del campo, y se los llevó al hombre para ver qué \*nombre les pondría. El hombre les puso nombre a todos los seres vivos, y con ese nombre se les conoce. Así el hombre fue poniéndoles nombre a todos los animales domésticos, a todas las aves del cielo y a todos los animales del campo. Sin embargo, no se encontró entre ellos la ayuda adecuada para el hombre. Entonces Dios el Señor hizo que el hombre cayera en un sueño profundo y, mientras éste dormía, le sacó una costilla y le cerró la herida. De la costilla que le había quitado al hombre, Dios el Señor hizo una mujer y se la presentó al hombre, el cual exclamó:*

*«Ésta sí es hueso de mis huesos y carne de mi carne. Se llamará "mujer" [a] porque del hombre fue sacada.» Por eso el hombre deja a su padre y a su madre, y*

*se une a su mujer, y los dos se funden en un solo ser. En ese tiempo el hombre y la mujer estaban desnudos, pero ninguno de los dos sentía vergüenza.*

1:27-28

God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

*Y Dios creó al ser humano a su imagen; lo creó a imagen de Dios. \*Hombre y mujer los creó, y los bendijo con estas palabras: «Sean fructíferos y multiplíquense; llenen la tierra y sométanla; dominen a los peces del mar y a las aves del cielo, y a todos los reptiles que se arrastran por el suelo.»*

## **IS IT MY LIFE OR NOT? ¿ES MI VIDA, O NO?**

Notice several key components:

- God took great care in making Adam and Eve!
- ¡Dios cuidó mucho cuando hizo Adán y Eva!

It was deliberate, thought out.

- Adam and Eve were given the privilege and responsibility of procreation!
- ¡Dios dio a Adán y Eva el privilegio y responsabilidad de la procreación!

Part of reflecting God's image is procreation. God has given us the great privilege and responsibility of creating life.

We choose to create a baby, however we can't create a spirit that is put into our physical creation. Only God can do this.

In the same way that God thoughtfully created, we should thoughtfully create.

- Adam and Eve had no say so in their creation!
- ¡Adán y Eva no tuvieron una influencia en su creación!

We have no say so in our creation.

Listen to **Ecclesiastes 3:1-2**

**There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die. . .**

***Todo tiene su momento oportuno; hay un tiempo para todo lo que se hace bajo el  
cielo: un tiempo para nacer, y un tiempo para morir...***

**Question: Is it my life or not?  
Answer: It's not my life it's God's!**

**Pregunta: ¿Es mi vida, o no?  
Respuesta: ¡No es mi vida; es la vida de Dios!**

**Keep this heading up even with the scripture.**

Every one of us here have a birthday. Thousands of times already I have said and written 11-29-1958.

It is the most significant even in my life and yet I had nothing to do with it. Nine months earlier, a newly weed couple named Lowell and Thelma Nichols...don't worry this isn't a biology lecture.

I had no say so in when I would be born, where I would be born, who my parents would be, what race I would be and all the DNA things that are built in. My height was set, , body type, hair color (careful now), and many other things without my permission. My family tree was set without me saying yes I want to be related to this one.

Additionally, it has been appointed that one day I will die. I don't when, where, how and other than suicide, I have no say so in it.

Am I in control or not? My life, is in God's hands; its beginning and its end. He gives me the opportunity to manage the years between my birth and my death. What I do with those years determines where I will spend eternity.

I am a steward of years God gives me. The average life expectancy of a white male in America is just under 74 years. It is higher for women.

At 49 I have 25 years left if I live the average life span. These are not my years, these years belong to God.

When I submit myself to this basic principle of God's authority in my life then everything else fits together.

Where I spend those 25 years is God's business. Here in Warren, going to the mission field or wherever. All I have to do is follow him.

How do I conduct my life in these 25 years is God's business.

- 66% of Americans are overweight or obese. Paul says, your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. It's not your body it's God's.
- Church folk have taken a stand and rightfully so against smoking, the abuse of drugs and alcohol. These are moral issues, but so is our diet.
- 70% of Americans don't exercise regularly even though just 30 minutes of walking a day, five days a week, can significantly improve your health. Whose body is it?
- We could go on about other health issues. We are not trying to help us understand that since this is God's life, we need to take care of it.
- If this is God's life, young people, what does that say about studying in school?
- How about premarital sex, what you talk about on line, how you date.

### 1 Cor 6:18-20

So run away from sexual sin. Every other sin people do is outside their bodies, but those who sin sexually sin against their own bodies.<sup>19</sup> You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit who is in you. You have received the Holy Spirit from God. So you do not belong to yourselves,<sup>20</sup> because you were bought by God for a price. So honor God with your bodies.

*18 Huyan de la inmoralidad sexual. Todos los demás pecados que una persona comete quedan fuera de su cuerpo; pero el que comete inmoralidades sexuales peca contra su propio cuerpo.<sup>19</sup> ¿Acaso no saben que su cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo, quien está en ustedes y al que han recibido de parte de Dios? Ustedes no son sus propios dueños;<sup>20</sup> fueron comprados por un precio. Por tanto, honren con su cuerpo a Dios.*

- How about who you date?
- Where you go to college?
- What you do for an occupation?

There are some here who have never submitted to God's ownership in their life. It's my life and I will do with it as I please is their attitude. Let me gently remind you, you have not control on your birth or death and the days between are a gift. Someday you will stand before God and he will ask you if you lived your life under his authority or not. Today is a day of submitting to God.

There are some here who have given their heart to Christ in the past, but now are living life like its yours. There are youth, young and older adults who seem to have forgotten this is his life. There is sexual immorality, not taking care of our bodies, not spending our time his way.

There are some who are determined to schedule their life without God. Wow! This is dangerous for eternity and for now.

Life works better, is more joyous and fun, rewarding when we recognize that it is God's and we need to do it his way.

Let me take this another place. If our life is his, then our spiritual life is his.

**My spiritual life is his business!**  
**¡Mi vida espiritual es Su negocio!**

**Eph. 2:7-10/ Efesios**

7-10 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish!

We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in

the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

*7 para mostrar en los tiempos venideros la incomparable riqueza de su gracia, que por su bondad derramó sobre nosotros en Cristo Jesús. 8 Porque por gracia ustedes han sido salvados mediante la fe; esto no procede de ustedes, sino que es el regalo de Dios,*

*9 no por obras, para que nadie se \*jacte. 10 Porque somos hechura de Dios, creados en Cristo Jesús para buenas obras, las cuales Dios dispuso de antemano a fin de que las pongamos en práctica.*

My faith is a gift from God, my forgiveness is a gift from God. Everything in the Spirit realm is from God and is his. I have to do it God's way or I don't have life.

- God says faith is a relationship with Him and so I have to talk to him and listen to him. Reading the Bible, praying, studying the Bible with others, worship and prayer with others are the things that God says we must do to take care of his life in us. It is like eating properly to keep our health.
- God says we have been appointed to ministry-work. We must be about it.

**This is God's life physically and spiritually.**