

INTRODUCTION TO "*LET YOUR LIFE COUNT*"  
BY DONNA PARTOW

List three to five people who have made a big impact on your spiritual life. Was their influence one large act or a series of small but continuous influences?

List three to five people that you influence in their spiritual life. How do you influence them?

List two things you could do in your daily life that would "Count" to another person.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" Matt 5:16

## LET YOUR LIFE COUNT CHAPTER 1

*Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" "The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:37-40*

How should the church act? What does God expect of His church?

Who around you is going through a "Hurricane"? Can you help in some way?

What small act of kindness did you do this week? Did someone do a small act of kindness for you?

Do you point people to God just by the way you act each day? If not, what can you change so that you do point people to God?

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Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Sam 16:7  
*When who we are and how we live reflect God's heart, our lives will truly count for eternity. - Donna Partow*

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CHAPTER 2

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you.*

*Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body, with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:3-6*

Who do you wish you were, or who do you wish you were like?

How do you measure your own worth? Against what standard do you use?

Take some time to think about your uniqueness. Make a list of your:

**SKILLS**

**INTERESTS**

**LIFE EXPERIENCES**

**DAILY ROUTINES**

Choose one thing from each column and think of a way you can offer that up to God for His service.

Which of these might God want to work through you?

*God created you to be you, and placed you on this earth, with your skills, interests, and life experiences, at this precise moment in time for a reason; don't thwart His plan. So be yourself.  
Donna Partow*

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CHAPTER 3

*Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6*

How have you tried to search for significance?

How do you try to MAKE your life count?

How do you LET your life count?

Have you ever felt overworked and under- appreciated?

What can you do, and do joyfully, even if no one ever noticed or acknowledged your effort?

What activity brings you satisfaction in and of itself?

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Your life can count when you forget trying to make something happen, and simply let your life be available to God. - Donna Partow

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CHAPTER 4

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: That if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

*1 John 5:14-15*

\*\*\* GOD HAS THE REAL PRAYER LIST \*\*\*

Have you ever felt prompted or burdened to pray? Describe.

How might your life change if you gave God 2.5 hours of your day, every day?

Do you really believe your prayers count? Or do you pray because you should?

Tell about a time you prayed and you KNOW it was effective.

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“He heard both prayers and built a bridge.”

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*Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."  
Exodus 33:15*

Have you ever had a "mountaintop" experience with God? Describe.

What is the strangest thing you have prayed for?

Choose one of the starting points for prayer and practice it this week. Be ready to tell us about it next week:

**Food and Drink** - How often do you eat or drink each day?

**Schools** - What schools do you see each day?

**Possessions** - What possessions do you forget to be thankful for?

**Community** - Who can you pray for in the community?

**Phone Calls** - Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth?

**Offensive Images** What kind of offensive images did you or your children see this week?

**Personal Encounters** - When is the last time you had a personal encounter that touched your life?

**Anxious Thoughts** - What are you anxious about? Turn it into a prayer.

**Churches** - What churches do you regularly drive past?

**Morning and Evening Devotions** - When is your quiet time?

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Help me to walk, moment by moment, with a conscious awareness of your presence  
and active involvement in the world around me.

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*He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. 2 Cor. 1:4*

Have you ever come alongside someone going through hard times? Describe.

Has anyone come along side you while you were going through a hard time? Describe.

How does your life point to God?

How can you be more intentional about pointing to God in your daily life?

What in nature speaks to you about God?

Today, make a conscious effort to remain alert to those divine appointments God has prepared for you. Everywhere you go, God is at work and He wants you to be part of it.

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What plans might He have for YOU today?

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*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:8-10*

What are your major roles and responsibilities?

Rewrite Ephesians 1:1, filling in the blanks with any names/titles you are called (mom, wife, neighbor, friend, church member, etc). This is to remind you that if it is a legitimate role or responsibility, it IS the will of God for you

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What are your natural abilities and Spiritual gifts?

Have you ever had a "Divine Appointment" ? Describe

Has God ever placed people in your path when you needed them most?

Is there any group of people or specific person that God has laid on your heart? What might He want you to do with that?

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*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

*Romans 12:3-5*

What should our self image be based on? What is a “Godly” self image?

What kinds of ministry opportunities are available to you within your own Jerusalem (family)?

Your own Judea (Neighborhood)?

Your own Samaria (Nearby communities that are *different* from your own)?

To the ends of the earth (everywhere!)

Which one might be YOUR ministry?

Can you think of one woman that might feel like an outsider in your church? Make a point to make her feel welcome and included.

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*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.  
Phil 3:2*

When have you felt “good enough” for some task? Tell about it.

Have you ever felt someone was not up to a particular task and they surprised you by accomplishing it?

What might the Lord have “planned” for your future? Has He been whispering in your ear about a specific thing?

Name one person that is a great encourager to you. Explain why.

Is there a “younger woman” that you are “training”? (Titus 2:3-5)

Have you ever grown spiritually when you were helping another to grow spiritually?

Have you ever responded to the prompting of God?

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God meets us where we are, but loves us too much to leave us there.- Donna Partow

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*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. James 4:10*

What are you proud of?

Have you ever been humbled? Describe.

Do you know anyone who thinks they are better than other people? Describe.

Can you think of someone who lives their life humbly, serving others? How does their life inspire you?

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*Let another man praise you and not your own mouth. Proverbs 27:2*

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CHAPTER 11

*If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15*

Has there ever been a time when you served God out of a sense of duty? What was the result?

Which of these three things are most important to you? Explain.  
Pleasing God, impressing others, having your life count for something.

Has God ever closed a door to you, only to open another?

What is your holy compulsion? What is the thing you couldn't NOT do?

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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

*Hebrews 12:1*

Have you ever been distracted, interrupted, or encountered an obstacle in your work for the Lord? Describe.

How do YOU know if the mission is from God?

How can you plan ahead for obstacles?

How can you be determined to finish the task before the obstacle comes?

What are you doing for the Lord right now?

How can you persevere through the obstacles that may come?

**The strongest pull is at the turn of the tide.**

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“If you can explain it, God’s not in it” - Jim Cymbala

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CHAPTER 13

*For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord. 2  
Timothy 1:7-8*

What were you afraid of as a child?

What scares you as an adult?

Name one thing you dread. Why?

Do you have any unfinished business?"

How is the world being robbed because you are living controlled by dread?

Resolve TODAY to take care of something you have been putting off.

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Dare to do the thing you dread. – Donna Partow**

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CHAPTER 14

*To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9*

Has the Lord given YOU a thorn in your flesh? What is it?

What have you learned from having the thorn?

Have you ever had to overcome a fear to meet a need?

Have you ever had to step out of your comfort zone?

What are you afraid God will ask you to do?

Are you disobeying God because of insecurities?

When was the last time you were led to do something? How did you respond?

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Do it afraid.

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CHAPTER 15

*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12-13*

Have you ever made bad choices that have affected others? What were the results?

Have you ever been affected by someone else's bad choices?

Have you ever reacted to something in a way that caused you to sin in your response?

Think about things you are "stressing" about right now. Will you feel the same way about it 5 years from now?

How does that perspective change your response?

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Be kind. Everyone you meet is fighting some sort of battle. – Donna Partow

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CHAPTER 16

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1*

What is your greatest possession?

Under what circumstance could you willingly give it to someone who needed it more than you?

What kinds of sacrifices does the Lord require of us in our present day?

What have you personally sacrificed in your obedience to the Lord?

How do we look for "the easy way out" in our service to God?

What kind of persecutions do Christians face today?

What kind of persecutions have you faced personally?

Would people describe you as sacrificial or selfish?

How can you become a "living sacrifice"?

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What kind of sacrifice is God prompting you to make?

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CHAPTER 17

*Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.  
Matthew 6:18*

Have you ever felt overlooked or overshadowed?

Is it possible that someone close to you feels overshadowed? How can you encourage them?

Has there ever been a time in your life where you KNEW that the Lord was there with you?  
How have you felt His touch in your life when you needed it most?

Has the Lord put people in your path right when you needed them most?

How can children be affected when their parents try hard to make their lives count for the Lord  
to the detriment to the family?

How can we strive to not do this?

What “jobs” in our society have little or no importance.

How can those same jobs be used to further God’s Kingdom?

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It’s often what we do quietly, in our own homes, with no fanfare, that matters most.

- Donna Partow

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CHAPTER 18

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under  
heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1*

What season of life are you in right now?

What season(s) have you already passed through?

What season is next for you?

What did you do/are you doing for the Lord in each of these seasons?

What excuses could you use right now to not serve the Lord?

What are the benefits to serving anyway?

Is there someone you know that you could make a difference in their life right now?

What specifically could you do for them?

What are the needs around you?

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If we're not careful, our life will pass, and we'll have done nothing more than pass the time.

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CHAPTER 19

*At Gibeon, the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."*

*"Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." 1 Kings 3:5-9*

When you think of Solomon, what do you think of?

Do you know someone who is good at making strangers feel comfortable? How do they do it?

Discuss some topics you can bring up when you are talking to a stranger.

What do you talk about with your family?

Friends?

Strangers?

What did you learn this week?

How can you make learning a life long endeavor?

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Make it your mission to learn something from everyone you meet.- Donna Partow

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CHAPTER 20

*God tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. Isaiah 40:11*

Have you ever been hurt by someone else's reckless behavior?

Do you remember a tender moment that you shared with your own Dad or a father figure?

How do you envision God as your Daddy?

Have you ever shared your own mistakes with another who was struggling with the same issue? What was the result?

How do you balance being transparent with protecting the privacy of family members and others?

Have you had trouble forgiving yourself for past mistakes? How do you get beyond that?

Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little, loves little. Luke 7:47

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CHAPTER 21

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

Have you ever done something that required lots of preparation and constant work to achieve your goal? Describe.

What do you have good intentions to do, yet it never seems to get done?

How do you feel when you actually DO it?

What does God want you to DO right now?

Have you ever taken a short cut? How did it turn out?

How can you put feet to your faith?

Have you ever done something for the Lord that you thought was too hard for you, yet you did it with His help?

Have you ever been knocked to the ground? How did you get back up?

How do you feed yourself spiritually?

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He will never give you a race He isn't certain you can run. - Donna Partow