

Listening that Leaves a Life-Giving Legacy

Overcoming the temptation to give our ear to the world?

1. Choose your love – Give ear to God.

(1 Peter 1:23; Matthew 11:27; Deuteronomy 30:6; Jeremiah 29:13; John 1:12)

“Whatever commands our time, energy,
and resources commands us” Tom Sine

“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (See also verses 21–24)

Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

The invitation.

Call for commitment.

Leaders leading the way.

Clarification of commitment.

Memorializing

2. Keep your ear towards God – Maintain your love.

Once you’ve made that decision, you must fight to maintain your choice against the strong current of the world. “Do not love” is a present imperative, indicating that it is an ongoing battle.

A. Welcome the Word

Through His Word

- ◆ Reading
- ◆ Studying
- ◆ Teaching /sharing

B. Get with God's People

Through fellowship

- ◆ Sunday morning worship
- ◆ Small Groups
- ◆ Ministry Teams

Application Questions

How can we who live in affluence know when enough is enough?

How do we choose a permissible level of luxury?

Why are asceticism and isolationism not the ways to godliness?

What are the dangers of these approaches? (Last four questions *Steven J. Cole*)

Are our lives any different from those of our secular counterparts?

Which do you seek with more fervor: the wealth and honors of the world, or the riches of grace and the approval of God?

Which have the greater attraction: the pleasures of the world, which are only for a season, or those pleasures at God’s right hand, which are for eternity?

Wherein lies your confidence: in the money you have in your bank account or investments, or in the living and faithful God, who has promised to supply all your needs?



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

Ways to Serve

Love INC is in need of people to pack a food box for Thanksgiving or donate money for a Thanksgiving box for our Neighbors In Need. Please call or email Lisa at Love INC if interested in helping with this project, (763)972-6547 opt. 3 or lisa@loveinheartland.org

Love INC Christmas Sharing (formerly Adopt A Family) is accepting individuals or groups who are wanting to give gifts at Christmas to a family in need. Please contact Lisa at Love INC, (763)972-6547 opt 3 or lisa@loveinheartland.org

Love INC Relational Ministry is looking for loving Christians to walk alongside a Neighbor In Need as an Advisor in the Money Management class. You do not need to have a huge knowledge of finances, just some organizational skills and good common sense about money. An informational and training meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 3 at 6:30pm at the Love INC Office, 318 Railroad Ave Suite 100, Delano. Come and join us to see if this is a good fit for you. If you have questions, call or email Lisa, (763)972-6547 opt. 3 or lisa@loveinheartland.org

Love INC is needing help in our warehouse, store, and office. Please let Lisa know, (763)972-6547 opt. 3 if you have a few hours during the week to volunteer with us.

November Life Together
Newsletter articles are due by Wednesday noon, November 4.



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Join special guest speaker Peter Hess • Financial Associate at Thrivent Financial

Peter will share strategies on:

- Five factors to consider when deciding when to apply for benefits.
- How to minimize taxes on Social Security benefits.
- How to coordinate Social Security with your other sources of retirement income.

This workshop is hosted by Thrivent Financial and local representatives Chad Henke, Christine Ruppert, Diane Knorr and Kyle Kalkbrenner. Please RSVP to Michele Hunter at 952-240-3510 or email michele.hunter@thrivent.com. You can also register at Thrivent.com/findaworkshop.

Event Details:

Monday, November 2 - 2pm or 6pm	Monday, November 16 - 2pm or 6pm
Watertown Evangelical Free Church	Peace Lutheran Church
509 Jefferson Avenue SW	140 Saturn Street North
Watertown, MN 55388	Cosmos, MN 56228

Tuesday, November 3 - 2pm or 6pm
 St. John's Lutheran Church
 410 1st Street North
 Winsted, MN 55395