



4-PART
SERMON OUTLINE
FOR PASTORS AND LEADERS

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BASED ON TOMMY'S BOOK,
THE POWER OF A HALF HOUR

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THE POWER OF A HALF HOUR, SERMON OUTLINE #1

Many people think of a half hour as a minimal or meaningless gap in time. But the truth is that your half hours can determine the difference between success and failure. You literally can change your world in thirty minutes.



- *To accept the idea*
- *Have a clear sense of your God-given purpose*
- *Examine your activity patterns*
- *Sensitize yourself to your time choices*
- *Start taking advantage of the power of a half hour*

Every half-hour in your day is a power loaded resource.

If you get your half hours right, God will not only change your life but use you to alter the lives of the people and organizations you influence.

Here are a few reasons why thirty minutes can impact your life and help chart out your life path:

1. Thirty minutes can wreck or redeem a life.

30 minutes can change your destiny

2 Samuel 11:2-4

David made a life changing decision and acted on that decision within a thirty-minute time frame. He altered his destiny along with Bathsheba's destiny.

John 8:1-11

The woman caught in adultery was forgiven and her life was saved within a thirty-minute time frame.

Jesus altered her destiny and redeemed her life.

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"Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back."
-HARVEY MACKAY
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I bet that if you were to make a list of significant choices you've made within half hour periods, you would be surprised at how much your life has been influenced by these thirty-minute time blocks.

2. Thirty minute investments produce huge returns

When God gave us the gift of time, he intended for us to use it wisely and productively.

You are honoring God's plan and blessing Him with the fruit of your life when you use your time well.

How we use our time is important to God. If we are faithful with small things, He will give us greater things...

Matthew 25:14-30

Luke 16:10

Psalm 39:4-5

Nobody can eliminate the results of time well invested.

Focused attention is the essence of powerful half hours.

Focused attention is understanding the value of even the smallest increments of time and using those minutes intentionally.

In the space of time of a half hour, amazing things can happen in your life.

God will use your half hours in incredible ways if you just let Him!

Your Notes:

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God created every person to do a special thing that He needs done on earth. If we don't do our part then our part won't be done exactly the way God intended. God will accomplish His will, but if we aren't living in our purpose then we will miss out on the opportunity to play an important role in that will.

God's unique plan for you relates to your life vision and purpose.



- *Inspire you*
 - *Energize you*
 - *Challenge you*
 - *Consume you*
- ...in the best possible ways.*

The only way to get God's vision for your life is to spend time humbled in His presence until He chooses to reveal it to you. God often implants His vision in your heart and mind within focused half hours spent with Him.

After you receive and embrace God's vision for your life, pursue that vision.

Pursue God's vision for your life by...

Aligning your values with God's values.

What's really important to you?

What really matters in life is what's important to God.

Matthew 22:34-40

His values need to be our values.

What is there to life but serving God and serving people?

Sharpening your gifts and abilities

God has blessed you with a variety of gifts and abilities.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Those talents become strategic and influential when you invest in developing and sharpening them.

You must cultivate spiritual gifts through...

Study

Practice

Application

Samuel, David, Peter and Paul are all examples of people who cultivated their spiritual gifts. One way to grow your gifts, talents and abilities is to observe others who possess similar capacities.

Strengthening your faith

You can strengthen your faith by...

A. Making a regular connection

God's desire is for you to love Him.

Mark 12:30

God wants to be the center of your life, not simply imbedded in a slice of it.

B. Be honest and transparent with God

Allow the Holy Spirit to become your prayer partner.

Romans 8:26-27

C. Listen

When visiting with God, don't do all the talking.

The key to a successful connection time with God is the ability to listen for His guidance.

Waiting on the Lord is not about retreating into comfort but about receiving the insights and wisdom you need to fulfill God's vision for your life.

Use the quiet times to allow God to break through the cacophony of your life and touch your heart.

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You must first build character in order to advance your dreams.
Building character requires you to...



Solomon noted that pride brings a person down while humility proceeds honor.

Proverbs 18:12

Jesus said that those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

Luke 14:11

Peter encouraged the early Christians (and us) to be clothed with humility.

1 Peter 5:5



Forgiveness brings freedom.

Ask the Lord to bring to your awareness any people whom you need to forgive.

Matthew 6:14-15

Set yourself free!



The attitude you embrace is a decision you make.

At the end of the day people are more likely to remember you for your attitude than for your appearance, intelligence or talent.

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"The only disability
in life is a bad
attitude."
—SCOTT HAMILTON
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Make being thankful a habit.

By simply investing thirty minutes in acknowledging God's presence in our lives, it becomes a crucial factor in creating a permanent bond with Him.



Step off your treadmill to get perspective.

It gets pretty easy to lose sight of what really matters and how blessed we are.

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You exist for other people. There is no better feeling in the world than knowing that you did something that built up somebody else.



Proverbs 11:25

It's hard to bless others when your attitude is wrong, but it's just as hard to have a bad attitude when you are busy blessing others.

Love is limitless. You can never lose love by giving it away.

Good friendships require time...over time. The power of half hours is not better applied than in relationships.

Your family - your spouse and children - require both the best time you can give them and as much time as you can give them. Look for those half hours that you can devote to them that represent quality time while increasing the quantity of time shared with them.

Life is hard, we must help each other. People are just people...all people fail but Jesus never fails.

Take a look at all of the lives that feed into you during the day and let them know what it means to you...it will mean a lot to them.

Take opportunities to share God's love.

Philippians 2:1-4

Give extravagantly to those in need. This is so consistent with how Jesus lived and ministered.

Mark 10:45

The value of a gift is in what the act of giving communicates. Think about how little effort it might take to impact someone's life for eternity.

Take kingdom risks.

Take a risk for God! What could be safer?

The greater the risk you take, the greater the potential benefits you may gain.

If the Lord puts the opportunity before you and the idea in your mind...pursue it!

Use your half hours to risk wisely, and you will make a real difference in your world.

ACT: Every great person of God, from Abraham to Esther to Paul, was a person of action.

“Waiting on the Lord” too often becomes an excuse to do nothing.

To experience real joy, excitement, growth, and wisdom you have to get your hands dirty in the nitty-gritty of producing results.

It all begins with just thirty minutes.

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