

Giving God Our Leftovers

Time, Acts 24:25-27

Acts 24:25-27 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, “Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you.” ²⁶ At the same time too, he was hoping that money would be given him by Paul; therefore he also used to send for him quite often and converse with him. ²⁷ But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and wishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul imprisoned.

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Money, Matthew 15:4-6

Matthew 15:4-6 For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say, 'Whoever says to *his* father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given *to God*," ⁶ he is not to honor his father or his mother And *by this* you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

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Effort, Haggai 1:2-5

Haggai 1:2-5 ² “Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘This people says, “The time has not come, *even* the time for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt.” ³ Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, ⁴ “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house *lies* desolate?” ⁵ Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, “Consider your ways!

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Prayer, Daniel 6:10

Daniel 6:10 ¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

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Meditation, Joshua 1:8

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from
your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and
night, so that you may be careful to do according to
all that is written in it; for then you will make your
way prosperous, and then you will have success.

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Worship, Malachi 1:8, 13

Malachi 1:8, 13 8But when you present the blind for sacrifice,
is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it
not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be
pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says
the Lord of hosts.

13You also say, My, how tiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully
sniff at it,” says the Lord of hosts, “and you bring what was
taken by robbery and *what is* lame or sick; so you bring the
offering! Should I receive that from your hand?” says
the Lord.

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Strategies to Help:

Love God more!

2 Cor 8:1 Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, ² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord, ⁴ begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, ⁵ and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

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Spend time thinking about what God has done for us (Psalm 77:11-15).

Psalm 77:11-15

I shall remember the deeds of the Lord;
Surely I will remember Your wonders of
old.¹² I will meditate on all Your work
And muse on Your deeds. ¹³ Your way, O
God, is holy;
What god is great like our God? ¹⁴ You are
the God who works wonders;
You have made known Your strength
among the peoples. ¹⁵ You have by
Your power redeemed Your people,

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Read the Bible (Psalm 119:159-164).

Psalm 119:159-164 Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.¹⁶⁰ The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

¹⁶¹ Princes persecute me without cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your words.

¹⁶² I rejoice at Your word, As one who finds great spoil.¹⁶³ I hate and despise falsehood, *But* I love Your law.¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous ordinances.

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Strategies to Help:
Sacrifice self more!

Matthew 16:24-25

Acts 4:34-37

Matthew 16:24-25 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Acts 4:34-37 For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales ³⁵ and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.

³⁶ Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), ³⁷ and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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Strategies to Help:

***Make spiritual things important and
urgent in your life!***

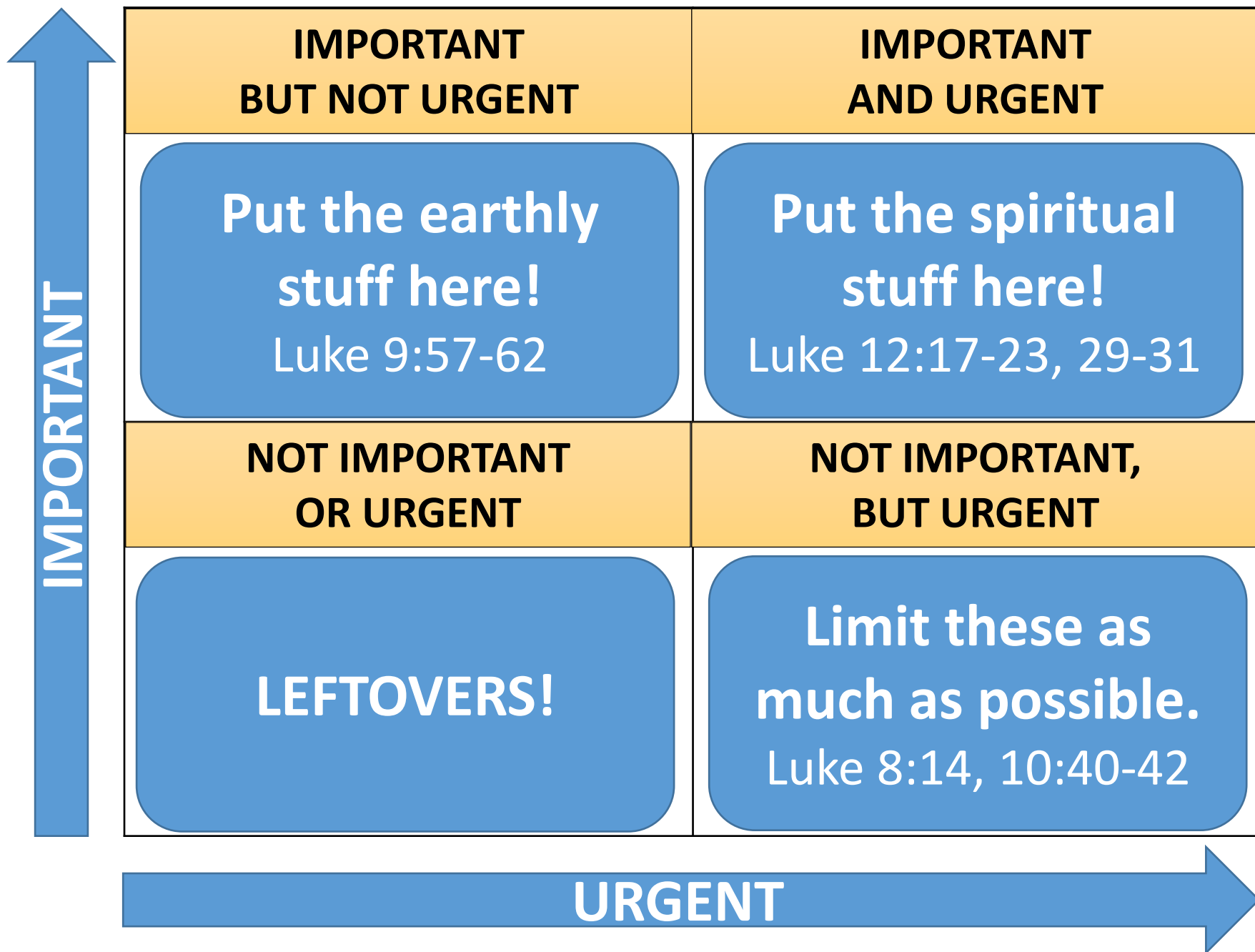


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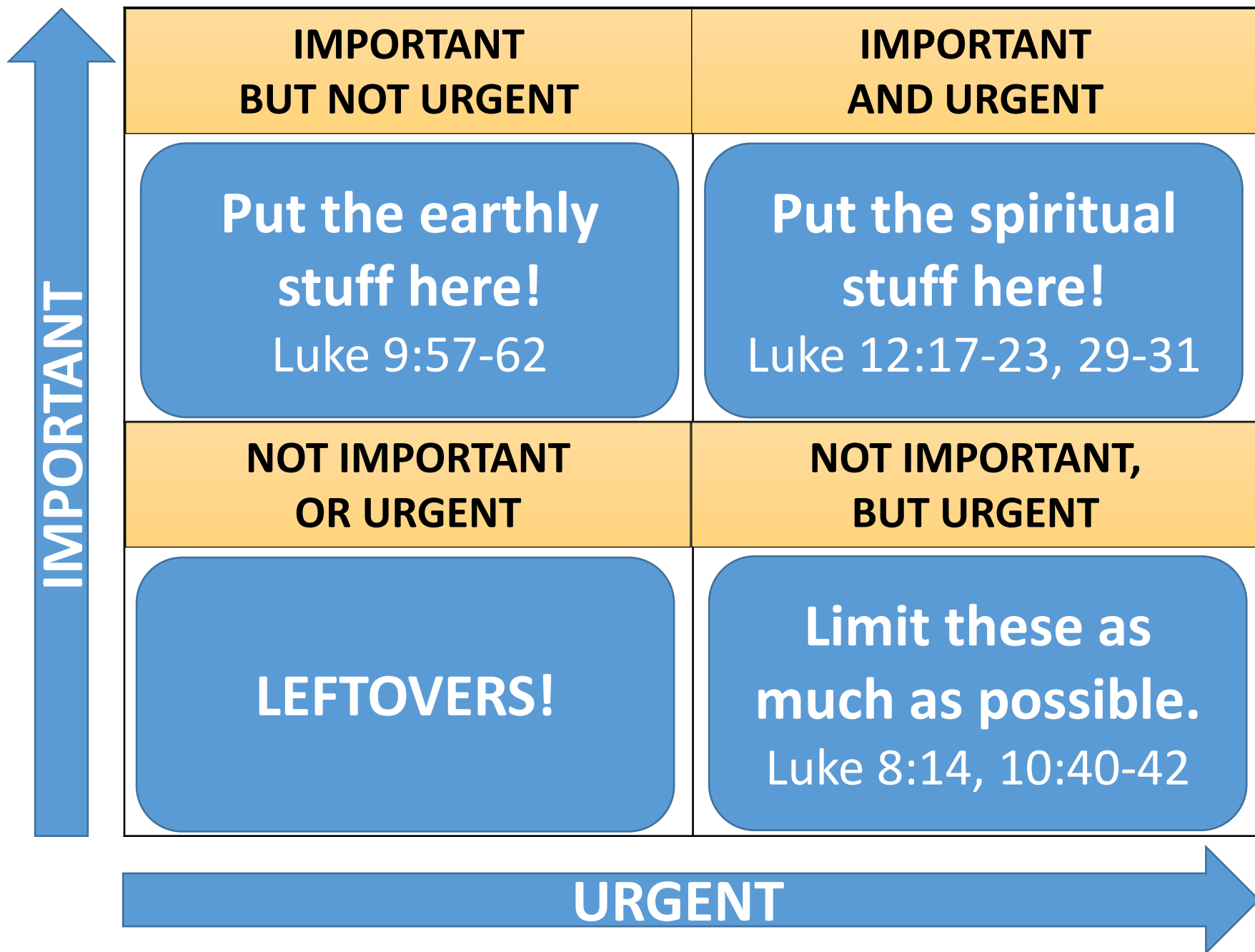
Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” ⁵⁹ And He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But He said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another also said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.” ⁶² But Jesus said to him, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Luke 8:14 10:40-42

⁴ The *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”



Luke 12:17-23 29-31

¹⁷ And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’ ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?’ ²¹ So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” ²² And He said to His disciples, “For this reason I say to you, do not worry about *your* life, *as to* what you will eat; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on.” ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.



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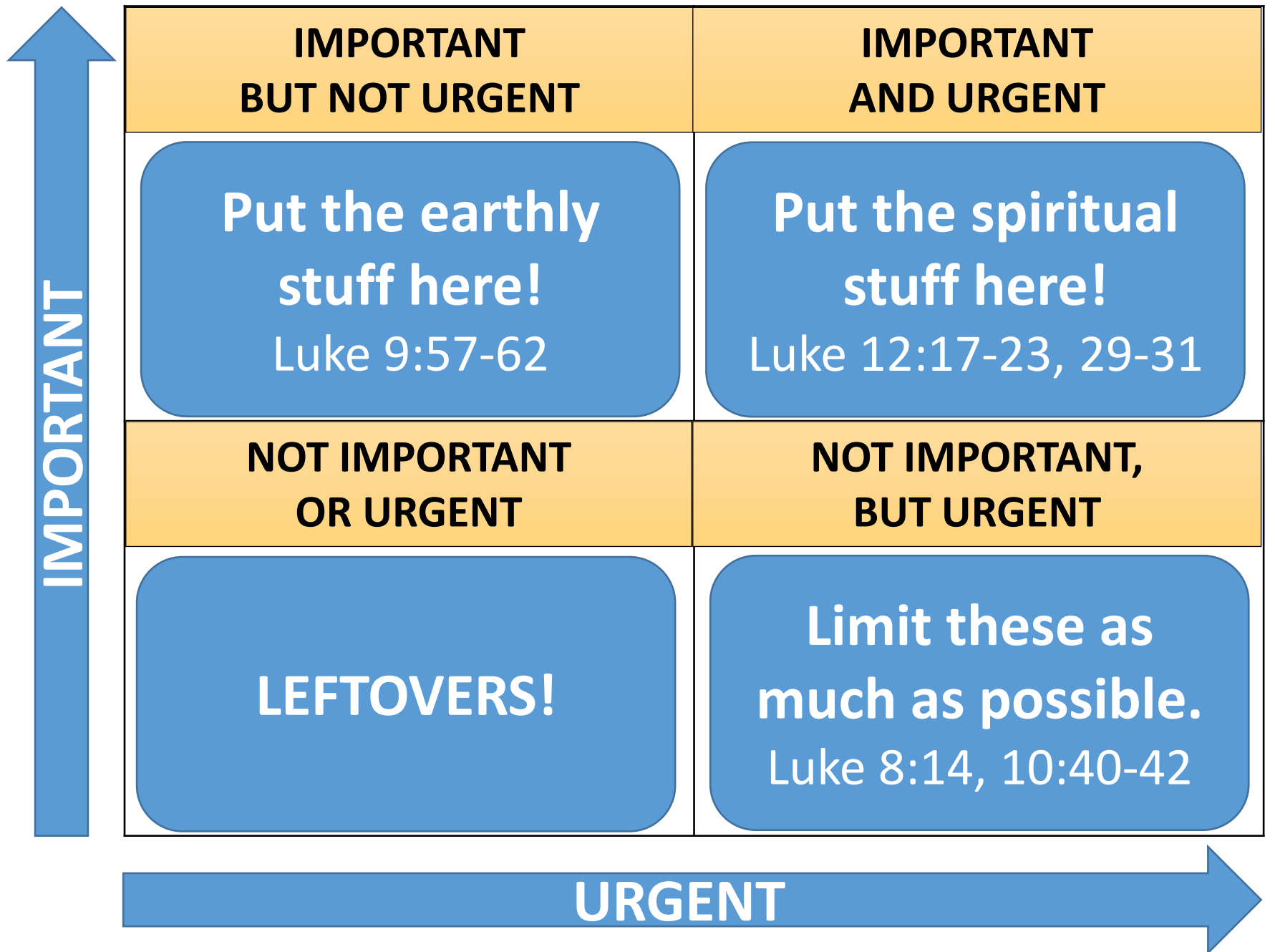
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Luke 12:29-31

²⁹ And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹ But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.



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More of God Less of Self

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Romans 12:11

not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in
spirit, serving the Lord;

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God Loves You!

That Means We
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