

“Living the New Life”

Text – Ephesians 5:15-17

I. Three Guiding Principles to Set The Course For A New Life (Ephesians 5:15-17)

- A. Be careful how you live. (Ephesians 5:15a; Psalm 1:1-2)
- B. Make the most of your time. (Ephesians 5:16)
- C. An Exhortation: Do Right! (Ephesians 5:17)
 - 1. Don't be foolish. (5:17a)
 - 2. Make God's will your daily priority. (5:17b)

II. What is God's will for your life? [Five Truths]

- A. Salvation (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
- B. Sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:3; Romans 12:1)
- C. Surrendered to God's will (Romans 12:1)
- D. Submissive to Authority (Hebrews 13:17)
- E. Suffering - 1. Hated \Rejected (John 15:18-19)
2. Persecuted (1 Peter 2:20; 3:17)

God has *First* CLAIM on your life.

- A. Calendar (Psalm 31:15; Colossians 4:5; Ephesians 5:16)
- B. Life – Goals, Dreams and Aspirations (Matthew 6:33)
- C. Affections (Colossians 3:2)
- D. Income (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- E. Mind (2 Corinthians 10:5; Romans 12:2)