

“Welcome to a New Life”

(part 2)

Text – Ephesians 5:15-17

God has sovereignly set your time, times, and course of life.

1. You only have so much time and then you will give account to God.
2. A wise man considers the brevity of life.

Three Guiding Principles to Set The Course For A New Life from Ephesians 5:15-17

I. A command: Be careful how you live. (5:15)

- A. Live today as though there is no tomorrow. (Eph. 5:15a)
- B. Walk as wise men. (5:15c)

II. An admonishment : Make the most of your time . (5:16)

- A. Be diligent : Your days are numbered . (5:16a)
- B. Be vigilant : Make the most your opportunities .

Someone has said, “ Life is what happens to you while you are planning to do something else.”

III. An exhortation : Do Right ! (5:17)

- A. Don't be foolish . (5:17a)
- B. Make God's will your daily priority . (5:17b)

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

1. Salvation (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
2. Sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:3; Romans 12:1)
3. Surrendered to His will (Romans 12:2)
4. Submissive to Authority (Hebrews 13:17)
5. Suffering (John 15:18-19; 1 Peter 2:20; 3:17)

Conclusion

- A. Determine God's priorities and fit your life and opportunities around them. (Philippians 4:13)
- B. Spiritual principle: God has first CLAIM on your life.
 - 1. Calendar (Psalm 31:15; Colossians 4:5)
 - 2. Life – Goals, Dreams and Aspirations (Matthew 6:33)
 - 3. Affections (Colossians 3:2)
 - 4. Income (Proverbs 3:9-10)
 - 5. Mind (2 Corinthians 10:5; Romans 12:2b)