



Living Beyond Yourself

A Study Through Ephesians

Part 22 - Don't Waste Your Life!



"Does my relationship with Jesus help me in my quest of really _____?"

The Background

Ephesians 5:1,2,8,9 -

Ephesians 5:15-18

15 Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

1. _____ with _____ (verses 15,16)

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our _____."

The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he _____, whoever he _____.

C. S. Lewis

...Because the days are evil.

Is Christianity _____ or _____?

* _____ - We live in a _____ world (Romans 8:18-21)

* _____ - We live in the _____ world (Ephesians 6:12,13)

The evil _____. These are evil days because God gives Satan so much leash that he can be called "the god of this age" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

The evil _____. These are evil days because God allows so much pride and wickedness in the human heart to go unrestrained for now. (Romans 7)

* _____ - We live in a _____ world (Romans 5:12)

2. _____ within your _____ (verse 17)

The great passion of the un-wasted life is to walk with Christ. To know what his will is and do it.

Drunk or Filled?

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Debauchery = _____ (losing who you are, cheapening your life, etc).

Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

Proverbs 23 - Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly! 32 In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper.

18 Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

The work of the Spirit is to impart _____, to implant _____, to give _____, to testify of _____, to guide us into all _____, to teach us all things, to _____ the believer, and to convict the world of sin.

Dwight L. Moody

Do not pray for more of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity and is not in pieces. Every child of God has all of Him, but does He have _____ of _____?

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