

# Making Your Life Count

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#### **Ephesians 5:15-20 KJV**

"15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."



#### **NLT**

"15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. 18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, 19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. 20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."



#### Hebrews 9:27

"27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Mark 13:32 "32

"However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows."



A decision symbol in business process flow chart is represented by a diamond, with lines representing different decisions emerge from different points of the diamond.

This is that point where you have a yes or a no decision to make. Yes you go one direction, and no, you go another direction.

Our daily living involves these same kinds of decision, with one constant.....JESUS



#### Always Ask These Questions

What is Gods purpose for me?

What is Gods purpose for my life?

Understanding Gods purpose for your life, will help you live life that counts on earth and also in eternity.

Gods Purpose For Us Is

TO KNOW GOD, AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.



John 15:16 KJV "16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 15:13 "13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 3:16 "16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We need to put the benefit of others making heaven above our own benefit. Doing this is actually gain/benefit and not loss to us.

Matthew 6:33 NLT "33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."



### What Should We Do?

#### Live As Jesus Lived

Philippians 2:5-11 "5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."



#### 2. Understand That Time Is Short

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!"



# JB Phillips Paraphrase Of Ephesians 5:15-20

"Live life, then with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Don't be vague but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of God. Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls. Express your joy in singing among yourselves psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in your hearts for the ears of God! Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And 'fit in with' each other, just because you all recognize that God is the Supreme Power over all."



## Round Up

- 1. Make your life and everyday count
- 2. Intensely pursue what you know as the will of God for you
- 3. Be careful how you daily live your life
- 4. Live your today life such that it counts towards your everlasting tomorrow.



## Thank You