

Redeeming the Time Sermon Notes

Ephesians 5:15-21

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Main Point: Christians are to conduct themselves carefully in a corrupt culture.

1. Walk _____ (5:15). See also Hebrews 3:12.

2. Watch your _____ (5:16). See also Colossians 4:5; Psalm 90:12; Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22.

Four truths about life:

- It is _____.
- It is _____.
- It is _____ apart from Christ.
- It is _____.

How our society is slipping:

What used to be considered an _____ which led to LAMENTATION has become a CELEBRATION demanding PARTICIPATION and _____. What was formerly UNTHINKABLE has become _____. Since Christians are often CANCELLED when they tell the truth, many have chosen to CAVE, COMPROMISE, or remain QUIET. We can no longer be silent. We must be _____ in our faith and UNASHAMED of the gospel. We must make the best use of this time in which we live to be _____ about sin, COURAGEOUS for our Savior, while being COMPASSIONATE toward sinners as we witness to the TIMELESS _____ of Jesus, who alone can set us free from our sins.

Tethered to technology: (From Pastor Kyle)

- Many in Gen Z spend up to _____ a day on their phones, touching their phones over 2,000 times a day.
- On average, they check their phones _____ a day, which is once every five minutes.
- This leads to short _____ spans as they are being programmed to be constantly entertained.
- _____ of young adults are self-diagnosed as addicted. Another study revealed up to 57% are digitally _____.
- At least _____ Americans are addicted to social media, which leads to anxiety, anger, insecurity, shallowness, and dishonesty.

3. Work out God's _____ (5:17). See also Proverbs 1:32.

God's will in God's Word:

- God wants you to be _____ (2 Peter 3:9).
- God wants you to _____ fully to Him (Romans 12:2).
- God wants you to be sanctified and to avoid _____ immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3).
- God wants you to give _____ in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- God wants you to _____ in Christlikeness (2 Peter 3:18).
- God wants you to ___ justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8).
- God wants you to _____ regularly with His people for worship (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- God wants you to not marry a spiritually _____ mate (2 Corinthians 6:14).
- God wants you to _____ what He has given to you (Proverbs 3:9-10).
- God wants you to be a devoted _____ who makes other disciples among your neighbors and the nations (Luke 9:23; Matthew 28:18-20).

4. Welcome the filling of the _____ (5:18). See also Isaiah 5:11, 22; Romans 13:13; 1 Peter 4:3; Proverbs 20:1.

Adverse effects of alcohol from Proverbs 23:29-25:

- Harmful, never _____ consequences (29).
- It promises what it can never _____ (30-31).
- It can _____ you (32).
- Corrupts _____ (33).
- Causes _____ impairment (34).
- Will disorient and _____ you (35).

Questions to ponder:

- Have I given _____ of my life to the Holy Spirit?
- Am I _____ with the Holy Spirit?
- Am I staying in close _____ with Him?

5. Worship _____ (5:19-21).

- Proclaiming.
- _____.
- Praying.
- _____.