

- Life is TOUGH!
- Life is PAINFUL!
- Life is UNPREDICTABLE!
- Life is GOOD!

How do you NOT waste your life?

How do you have a life worth living?

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Ephesians 5:15-17

REFLECT MORE

Thinking is easy. Thinking well is difficult.

The Thinking Process

- Step 1: Definition
- Step 2: Analysis
- Step 3: Judgment
- Step 4: Decision
- Step 5: Action
- Step 6: Results
- Step 7: Feedback

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Untreated, the disease can cause permanent discontent.

The Burden of Extra Luggage

"We are led to believe that Bible study and limited contributions will make us joyful and diseaseless, and rich."

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 - Affluence
 - Personal peace at any cost

Materialism has nothing to do with what you have. It has everything do with what has you!

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- 1. Secularism
- 2. Materialism
- 3. Sensualism/Gluttony

Gluttony is killing us!

We participate in orgies of indulgence!

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- 4. Relativism

Biblical Statements

Meanings/ Implications

Application

The big lie of our time is that there are NO ABSOLUTES

If there are no absolutes, chaos will result!

B. Reflect on your faith...

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

True or false?

Relativism says...

"It may be true for you, but it is not true for me, and it is certainly not true for everyone." 1. The greatest need in our world is for changed people!

How do you change people?



It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

Isaiah 59:2

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

True or false?

John 1:1-3, 14

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3

True or false?

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

True or false?





IT IS UP TO YOU!