

We Are God's Family
A People Informed by "Truth"- Part 2
Ephesians 5:15-20

We are to manage our future informed by our understanding of God's will for healing people and restoring their relationship with God.

The "Truth Informed" Life

*"If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**" John 8:32*

Ephesians 4:20-24 Jesus Taught Us the Truth about Life

*Jesus Taught us Who we are "in Him"
members of the family of God, (4:1-16)*

with responsibilities to help grow the family of God. (4:17-31)

Things we learned (Ephesians 4):

- There are 7 facts that unite us in the family of God.
- God has given us 5 types of "equippers" to help us grow up.
- God's desire us to "grow to maturity," and not remain infants.
- We are not ignorant of God's will because Jesus teaches us.
- There are 7 habits I need, to encourage my brethren in Christ.

LAST WEEK: Managing Myself

I will Cleanse Myself of Immorality, Impurity and Coveting

*I will manage my sexuality in the context of marriage,
keep my mind clean of anything offensive to the Holy Spirit,
and prioritize my relationship to God above anything else.
(Eph. 5:1-14)*

I Will Use My Time as Constructive as Possible

- 1. I will establish priorities into the future informed by my understanding of God's will for me and people. (5:15-17)**

*Redeeming the time (Kairos): **Chronos time** is sequential.
Kairos time divides past from the future.*

- 2. I will not dilute my focus on God's will by impairing my sensitivities to the Holy Spirit. (5:18)**

"dissipation/debauchery" refers to lose and unfocused living.

Don't be distracted by the anything!

- 3. The Holy Spirit's influence in my daily life needs to be nurtured by chosen expressions honoring to Him.(5:18-20)**

Our spiritual disposition is informed by how we think, express ourselves in words, and manage our life. We can choose to adjust our expressions to what honors the Spirit of God within us.

A Choice We Can Make: *We can choose expressions that focus upon God.*

*Psalms, Hymns, Spirit informed songs, encouraging melodies
Expressions of gratitude for everything God has given us.*

I Must Guard My Priorities and Focus in Life

***Our life challenge is about maintaining
an undiluted Christ-informed purpose
and prioritizing expressions of praise and gratitude.***

***Managing what comes out of our mouth
can change our heart.***