God's Perfect Will

Tony Mauck · Ephesians 5:15–21

INTRODUCTION

- How strong is your confidence in God's Word?
- Time can erode your confidence in Scripture.
- God takes what he has said very seriously and expects us to do the same.

1 Be Careful, Not Careless

Ephesians 5:15; Ephesians 5:17

- This passage is telling us that we need to be careful, not careless.
- A lot of folks aren't careful. When it comes to their lives, when it comes to their approach and response to the word of God.
- We can get lazy. Find ourselves just going through the motions, not thinking about perhaps areas where I still need to grow and change.
- We're all going to stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and there's no avoidance of that.
- To reject the perfect will of God is just foolishness. It's folly.

2 Seize the Opportunities

Ephesians 5:16

- He made us to glorify him. That's the purpose that each of us has.
- Other people are watching us. And we influence others, whether we like it or not.
- We need to seize the opportunities in the short time that we have. Make the most of your time. Redeem the time.

3 Imbibe Constantly

Ephesians 5:18–20; Romans 12:1–2

- Be filled with the Spirit. You have spiritual thoughts on your mind and in your lips and in your heart.
- It's the repetitive pursuit of spiritual things that bolster your confidence.
- If I stop making the most of the time, I'll tell you what my confidence does. It tanks.
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds. There's the perfect will of God changing us.
- This is our sustenance. It's the sustenance for living. It's more important than bread and water.

4 Stay Sober

Ephesians 5:18

- Sobriety is a bigger picture than just not drinking. Sobriety is about seeing things clearly.

- We need to see clearly and frequently that there is an unseen realm out there.
- I have a soul. And that soul is the most valuable thing that I possess.
- Keep your path true, keep your heart pure, keep your eyes fixed.

THE CHALLENGE

Start exercising care in the way you walk. Redeem the time and become a Christian. Understand what the will of the Lord is.

MY NOTES