Who's Leading Your Life?

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INTRODUCTION

- One thing you discover in life, and if you haven't already discovered it, you need to, and that is that you're not really in as much control as you think you are.
- The race is not to the swift. The battle is not to the warriors, … For time and chance overtakes them all.

1 Lead the Life the Lord Has Assigned

1 Corinthians 7:17–24; Jude 4

- Let each person lead the life the Lord has assigned to him.
- Circumcision is nothing. And uncircumcision is nothing. But what matters is keeping the commandments of God.
- Paul is not denying the need for repentance from a sinful course.
- One thing I learned from this passage is that our freedom is not absolute. Yes, we are free in Christ, but we are, first of all, not free to do whatever we good and well please.

2 Who Is Leading Your Life?

Proverbs 27:1

- Are you allowing the Lord to lead in your life? Let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him.
- Other people influence us. And they cause us to go in certain directions if we allow them to.
- The greater influence that will cause you to make right decisions about how other people are leading you is that God must be leading your life.
- How often do you think about the course that the Lord is plotting for your life? Versus the one you're mapping out?

3 God, We Want You to Lead Our Lives

Psalm 139:23–24; Proverbs 3:5–8; Matthew 6:13

- Are we really asking God and do we really believe that He is going to guide, guard, and direct our steps?
- Lead me in the everlasting way. people that are concerned about whether or not they're going to make it to heaven need to be praying this prayer.
- Do you believe that God is not only aware of the activities and circumstances of your life, but that he is also arranging circumstances for you to encounter.
- What he's saying in 1 Corinthians chapter 7 is, you can serve the Lord in whatever circumstance that you're in.

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

4 How Can I Effectively Serve the Lord Today?

Matthew 6:33–34

- Seek first the kingdom of God. Let that be the priority of your day of your existence.
- Your circumstances, whatever they may, desirable or undesirable, are a vehicle for God to display the transforming power and nature of the gospel.
- In whatever circumstance I am, I can control my pursuit of righteousness. I can control my attitude, my effort, my behavior, my actions.
- He promises if I trust in him, he'll lead me to glory.

5 There Let Him Remain With God

1 Corinthians 7:24; Isaiah 42:6–7

- Regardless of your circumstances, your employment or unemployment, married or unmarried, circumcised or uncircumcised, regardless of your social class, your ethnicity. Serve the Lord and remain with him.
- The most significant pursuit of each day is not the accomplishment of the schedule.
- The greatest pursuit of each day is making sure I remain with him. And I give attention sufficiently to the needs of my soul.
- I called you in righteousness. I hold you by the hand and watch over you. … I appoint you as a covenant to the people and a light to the nations.
- Are you a voluntary servant? As Jesus was, our leader. That's the life he's called you to lead.

THE CHALLENGE

Two questions. Boy, these are the only ones that are going to matter. Who's leading you? Do you remain with him?

MY NOTES