

Don't waste your life: FOCUS your life

Living Radically Different -The importance of a life focused on GRACE

1 Peter 1:13

Introduction:

13 Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; 16 because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth

#1 Remembering your SALVATION 13 *Therefore*

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#2 Supervising your THOUGHTS 13 *Therefore, gird your minds for action*

Exodus 12:11 Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste-- it is the Lord's Passover.

Luke 12:35 Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps alight

Ephesians 6:14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth

1st You are to CHOOSE what you think about

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

2nd You are to GUARD what you think about

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.
15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

3rd You are to LIMIT what you think about

#3 Prioritizing your daily LIFESTYLE

13 *Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit*

1 Thessalonians 5:6... let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. 8 ...since we are of the day, let us be sober ... 2 Timothy 4:5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. 1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

#4 Longing for His GRACE

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1st **Grace is CERTAIN** *fix your hope*

1 Corinthians 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, [AND LOVE] hopes all things, endures all things.

2nd **Grace is COMPRHENSIVE** *completely*

2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus

3rd **Grace is CHRIST initiated** *on the grace*

4th **Grace is COMING to you** *to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

ONE - A focused life requires WORK

TWO - A focused life requires SPIRIT dependence

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you

THREE - A focused life requires certain ANTICIPATION

FOUR - A focused life requires living by GRACE now

LIVE a FOCUSED LIFE