

Your Life and Your Family
Mother's Day 2017
Sunday a.m. 5/14/2017

- Anna Jarvis was proud of her mom, Ann Jarvis
- She cared for wounded on both sides of the Civil War and formed a Mother's Friendship Day for mothers of Union and Confederate soldiers

- Anna, after her mom's death, wanted to honor all moms

- Congress voted in 1914 to make the 2nd Sunday in May as Mother's Day

- Anna Jarvis became disillusioned with Mother's Day due to its heavy commercialism and fought to repeal it as a national holiday

- She believed Mother's Day had lost its original purpose

✧ **We can lose our purpose**

■ **Observe Your Life (Ephesians 5:15a)**

walk circumspectly – our life should be diligent, careful not to stumble

✚ **We must investigate our life with great care and alertness**

✧ **We need to observe our life and make a mental check list to make sure we do not put ourselves in danger of failing**

- ✚ Do I give my husband access to my social media?
- ✚ Do I dress to bring attention to myself in public?
- ✚ Do I spend quality time with my husband, children?
- ✚ Do I put myself in places of temptations?
- ✚ Do I spend time with someone from work, church, or the gym more than with my husband or children?
- ✚ Do I spend one-on-one time with my family?
- ✚ Do I spend an excessive amount of time on my phone when I am with my family?
- ✚ Do I spend daily time in prayer? Bible study?

Kenneth Wuest

"See to it that your conduct is accurate with respect to the demands of the Word of God. It is like driving on the right side of the center line."

❖ We must continually look around us for danger

"One who is walking circumspectly is one who is surveying all circumstances and possible consequences before acting or deciding."

■ **Apply Your Life (Ephesians 5:15b-17)**

• **Be wise, not unwise with your life (5:15b)**

unwise – **asophos**; without wisdom and so unwise, silly or foolish

wise - **sophos**; is the practical application of acquired knowledge

⊛ **What do you know about your child's technology? i phone, apps,**

• **Make the most of your life (5:16)**

redeeming the time - **exagorazo**; Making the most, buy up

Ray Pritchard

"You go down to your supermarket and look for bargains because you know they will not last long; they are passing, changing. Therefore, make the most of them and buy them up.

❖ This is exactly the word Paul uses here.

John MacArthur

"We are to redeem, buy up, all the time we have and devote it to the Lord."

❖ Whatever we do for Christ, throw your whole soul into it

Colossians 3:23

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

⊛ **Redeeming the time calls for a Spirit controlled sense of urgency"**

- **Know God's will for your life (5:17)**

- ❖ Don't be foolish about God's will for your life
- ❖ Have understanding, comprehension of His will
- ❖ Jesus said that we are to pray for God's will to be done

- **Here is God's written will for our life**

- **It is God's will for you to be saved**

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

- **It is God's will for you to be filled with the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 5:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

- **It is God's will to rejoice, pray and give thanks**

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- **It is God's will to suffer for the cause of Christ**

1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)

Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

- **It is God's will to be Holy**

1 Thessalonians 4:3

³It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;