

How to make the rest of your life the best of your life!

Romans 13:8-14

Introduction:

#1. _____ up

8 *Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another;*

Psalm 37:21 *The wicked borrows and does not pay back,*

Exodus 22:25 *If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest.*

Lev. 25:35 *Now in case a countryman of yours becomes poor and his means with regard to you falter, then you are to sustain him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you. 36 Do not take usurious interest from him, but revere your God, that your countryman may live with you.*

Matt 5:42 *Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.*

Matthew 25:27 *...you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest.*

1 John 4:11 *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another*

#2. _____ up

8 *Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.*

9 *For this, " You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, " You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law*

Romans 5:5 *the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Galatians 5:13 *For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, " You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

1 Corinthians 13

#3. _____ up

11 *And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.*

Ephesians 5:14 ... *Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.* 15 *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise,* 16 *making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

John 9:4 *We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.*

#4. _____ up

12 *The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

Ephesians 6

1 Timothy 1:18-19, *"Timothy, my son. . .fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience"*

1 Peter 5:8-9, *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* 9 *But resist him, firm in your faith,*

James 4:7 *Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

Matthew 4

#5. _____ up

13 *Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.*

1st - Live a life of _____
not in carousing and drunkenness,

Galatians 5:21 ... *drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you ...that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

2nd - Live a life of moral _____
not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality

3rd - Live a life of _____
not in strife and jealousy.

Proverbs 13:10 *Through presumption comes nothing but strife*

1 Cor. 3:3 *for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?*

1 Tim. 6:4 *he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,*

#6. _____ up

14 *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.*

Matt. 15:18 *But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. 19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders*

Galatians 5:16 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

Conclusion

Making the rest of your life the best of your life also involves...

#1. Coming to _____ for salvation

13 *Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.*

#2. Living _____ upon Jesus daily

14 *Let us be Christ's men from head to foot and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling*
Philips

Next week: Read Romans 14. How are we supposed to get along with Christians who live different than us?