



REDEEM YOUR SINGLE YEARS¹

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

—Ephesians 5:15-17, NASB 75²

A. IS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENOUGH FOR ME TO PROSPER?

B. THE DECISIONS OF LOT AND ABRAM—GENESIS 13

1. Well to do business men, Genesis 13:2, 5-6
2. Righteous in the eyes of God
 - i. Lot, 2nd Peter 2:7
 - ii. Abram, Genesis 15:6
3. Lot's decision, Genesis 13:10-11
4. Abram's decision, Genesis 13:9
5. Result for Lot, Genesis 19:29
6. Result for Abram, Genesis 17:6

C. WE NEED RIGHTEOUSNESS & WISDOM TO PROSPER

1. Lot didn't defer to Abram, his uncle and "father"

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- i. Seek counsel, Proverbs 13:10
- ii. Be a learner, Proverbs 24:32
- iii. Be not deceived, 1st John 2:15-16

D. DURING YOUR SINGLE YEARS

1. Get established in your life's work, Proverbs 24:27
 - i. Education
 - ii. Training
 - iii. Experience, Proverbs 22:29
 - iv. Attitude towards authority, Hebrews 13:17
2. Demonstrate faithfulness in the small thing, Luke 16:10-12
 - i. Establish a sustainable lifestyle, Philippians 4:11-12
 - ii. Get out of debt, Proverbs 22:7
 - iii. Give generously, Proverbs 11:24
 - iv. Save, Proverbs 21:20
3. Cultivate of selfless attitude by serving
 - i. Care for your parents, Ephesians 6:2-3
 - ii. Serve the widow, orphan, poor and alien, Malachi 3:5
 - iii. Help the lowest at work, Philippians 2:3-4

E. BUT WHAT ABOUT MARRIAGE?

1. Marriage is part of life, but not all of life
 - i. Most of life you will not be married

a) No marriage in heaven, Matthew 22:30

ii. Marriage serves specific purposes

a) Man and woman reveal God more fully than either alone, Genesis 1:27

b) For multiplication, God's method for filling the earth, Genesis 1-2

c) Helpmate for the man, Genesis 2:18

d) Illustrate the relationship between Jesus and His church, Ephesians 5:22-33, Revelation 19:7-8

iii. Marriage has responsibilities & costs, 1st Corinthians 7

2. The only promise is not in children, Isaiah 56:3-5

3. God knows your frame, Psalm 103:14

4. Lifelong singleness is given to few, Matthew 19:11-12

F. Build your life on a sure foundation, Luke 6:46-49

1. First step—Think a new thought, Romans 12:2

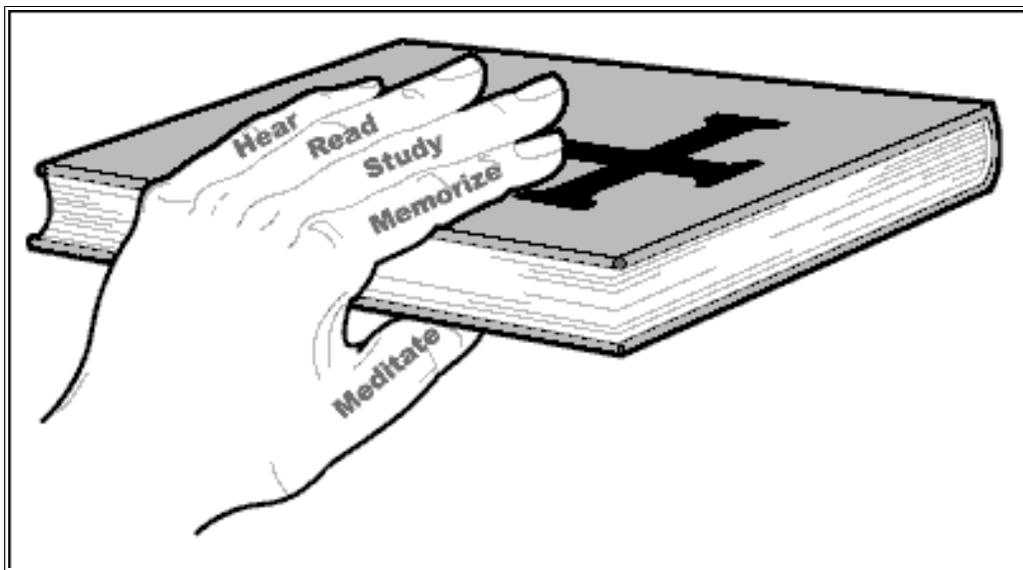
G. HOW DO I THINK A NEW THOUGHT?

1. Establish a daily time with Jesus, in His Word & prayer

i. His Word, Job 23:12, 2nd Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 15:4

ii. Talk with Him in prayer, Psalm 5:3

2. Get a Grip on the Word of God—The Word Hand



i. Hear—Romans 10:17

ii. Read—Revelation 1:3

- a) Don't miss the opportunity to read everything God said to you at least once early in your life:
- b) Listen to the Bible on tape, CD or MP3 = 80 hours
- c) Read through once through per year:
 - Sun. & Sat.: 4 OT + 0 NT = 4 chap/day; Mon.-Fri.: 2 OT + 1 NT = 3 chap/day
 - Reading one chapter a day takes 3-1/4 years

iii. Study—Acts 17:11

- a) If you've never done a simple survey of what the Bible says about your life in Jesus, do it with someone.
 - "Studies in Christian Living" by NavPress

iv. Memorize—Psalm 119:9-11

- a) Five verses can change your life in Jesus, equipping you for everyday life. Have breakfast once a week for five weeks with a friend and memorize the Five Assurances.
 - "Beginning with Christ" by NavPress

v. Meditate—Psalm 1:1-3

3. Meet with a man of like heart for breakfast once a week, Galatians 6:1-2, Proverbs 27:17