



## Part 5: How To Live The Rest Of Your Life

As we continue our study of the Book of Romans, we find practical instructions about how to live in light of the fact that our time is limited! Romans 13:11 says "And do this, understanding the present time... our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Paul prescribes five actions that help you make the most of the time you have left...

### 1. PAY UP! Stay \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let no debt remain outstanding..." Rom. 13:8a*

### 2. BUILD UP! Share \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not covet,' and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Rom. 13:8b-10*

### 3. WAKE UP! Seize \_\_\_\_\_

*"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here..." Rom. 13:11-12a*

### 4. CLEAN UP! Set aside \_\_\_\_\_

*"So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy." Rom. 13:12b-14*

Three things have to go:

**5. GEAR UP! Safeguard \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Rom. 13:14*

*"...be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Rom. 12:2a*

## Daily Meditations

Here's a chance to take it home: Spend a few minutes every day reading Scripture, praying, and answering thought provoking questions about this weekend's topic!

### This week's memory verse:

*"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law." Rom. 13:8*

### Monday

Look back over the message notes. What points were particularly meaningful to you?

Which of the five points is the most difficult for you? Why?

*Ask God today to help you in this area. Thank Him for His rich grace and mercy! Pray for those in the Prayer Request section of the bulletin.*

### Tuesday

Read Romans 13:8-10. How is true love a fulfillment of every command in the Old Testament law?

How does the law help us know what it is to love?

How does this differ from popular notions of love?

What specific gesture of love or kindness can you use to build a relationship this week?

*Ask God to open your eyes to chances to show love all around you today and this week! Thank God for His love to you, especially in sending His Son to die on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins!*

### **Wednesday**

Read Romans 13:11-12. What hour had come for the Roman Christians?

How would you live if you knew the precise number of days you had left on earth?

In what ways do Christians “slumber”?

How are you perhaps in a state of slumber in your life?

*Ask God to help you wake up in areas of your life where you’ve been slumbering. Ask Him to help you have a sense of healthy urgency. Perhaps you need to spend more of your precious time with your children or your spouse, or sharing Christ strategically with a neighbor.*

### **Thursday**

Read Romans 13:12-14. What “deeds of darkness” practiced in our world today sometimes attract Christians?

What specific behaviors and attitudes does God forbid in this passage?

What are some practical ways to clothe yourself with Jesus Christ?

How would your life be different if you consciously tried to “wear” Jesus Christ?

*Ask God today to show you habits or tendencies in your life that you need to put off as you put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank Him for His empowering grace, which enables you to do this!*

### **Friday**

Read Romans 14 - 15:7. This is the passage we’ll be studying this coming weekend. What seems to be the theme of this passage?

When it comes to disputable matters-- that is, gray areas not specifically forbidden in Scripture but on which Christians may hold strong opinions-- what does this passage advise?

How can you apply this practically in your own life?

*Spend some time in prayer for the names listed under Prayer Requests in the bulletin. Worship God for His greatness!*

### **Saturday**

Finish up any devotions you may have missed this week, and memorize that verse on the top of the previous page! *Please pray for the weekend services!* Thanks!