TLC message for January 17 & 18,2004



# **Making the Most of Your Life**

## Preparing for 40 Days of Purpose

"Be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity... Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do." Eph. 5:15-17 (NLT)

#### **3 BASIC OUESTIONS**

#### 1. What does God want?

"Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God." Rom. 6:13 (NLT)

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You <u>cannot</u> serve both God and Money." Matt. 6:24 (NIV) See Luke 9:59: Luke 14:16-24

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matt. 6:33 (NIV)

### 2. What does it take? "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness." 1 Tim. 4:7 (NASB) Another word for discipline: \_ "Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually

fit." 1 Tim. 4:7b (LB)

"Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress." Heb. 12:1b (NLT) See Luke 10:40-42

"God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose." Phil. 2:13 (TEV)

#### 3. Why should I do it?

"He <u>died for all</u>, that those who live <u>should no</u> longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."2 Cor. 5:15 (NIV)

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God --this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Rom. 12:1,2 (NIV)

"Transformed": Greek metamorphoo, "To \_\_\_\_\_ into another

"We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory..."2 Cor. 3:18 (NIV)