

4. From Ephesians 5:17-18 and 1 Corinthians 2:16, how is the Apostle Paul able to command us to understand what the Lord wants us to do? Have you accepted Christ as Savior & Lord and thus able to enjoy this benefit fully?

5. What kinds of things can someone do to "Let the word of Christ live in you richly" (Colossians 3:16a TPT)? How would your life be different if you were daily flooded with wisdom?

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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*FOLLOWING JESUS MAKES LIFE BETTER
AND MAKES YOU BETTER AT LIFE.*

MESSAGE NOTES ASK THE QUESTION

TODAY: DECISIONS • EPHESIANS 5:15-18

THE BOTTOM LINE

WHAT IS THE _____ THING TO DO?

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
— Ephesians 5:15-16 NIV

GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT:

LEGAL, PERMISSIBLE, OR NORMAL IS NOT ENOUGH
...anything that does not come from faith is sin.
— Romans 14:23b

*(Let your decisions be motivated by your faith, not your fears, yes. But just believing doesn't make it so.
Don't earn a beating from a blind lady!)*

"The Question" can be found in the books *The Best Question Ever*, *Ask It*, and *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets* by Andy Stanley.

MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY
IN THESE EVIL DAYS

IN LIGHT OF MY _____
WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO?

(Think apples & bananas, not quickie mart!)

IN LIGHT OF MY _____
WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO?

*(Life is seasonal; this phase won't last forever so make decisions
that are wise in the here and now.)*

IN LIGHT OF MY _____
WHAT IS THE WISE THING TO DO?

*(Think of your GPS;
the destination you desire determines the best route to take.)*

THE COMMAND TO UNDERSTAND:
RECOGNIZE WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW TO BE TRUE
& TAP INTO GOD'S THOUGHTS
Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord
wants you to do. – Ephesians 5:17 NLT

*(Commanding understanding won't get the math homework
done, but if you stop and think, a moment's reflection on "the
question" will reveal what you already know.)*

...we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.
– 1 Corinthians 2:16 NLT

*(This is the believer's benefit: the born-again believer has the
mind of Christ in the person of the Holy Spirit.)*

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.
Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,
– Ephesians 5:18 NLT

Let the word of Christ live in you richly, flooding you
with all wisdom. – Colossians 3:16a TPT

*(Remember the two-fold meaning of the Word of Christ:
Spirit & Scripture.)*

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*In light of my past experiences,
my current circumstances, and my future hopes and
dreams, what is the wise thing to do?*

THE CHALLENGE

_____ **It**
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ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

1. What is one of the biggest decisions you're facing (or have faced)? How does asking this question give you insight on the best course of action?

2. For the decision you mentioned in #1, consider it from the past, present, and future perspectives. Which one gives you the greatest insight and why?

3. Review Romans 14:23b and Ephesians 5:15. How would you describe the balance between acting in faith and living wisely?

Saying "YES!" to Jesus? Text **YES** to **603-225-2550**

*Let us celebrate your decision
& resource you for your new life in Christ.*