

# PART V

SOUND LIVING

## ROMANS

— I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL —

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### SERMON NOTES

#### Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life

Romans 13:8-14 (NLT)

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<sup>8</sup>Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law.

<sup>9</sup>For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law. <sup>11</sup>This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. <sup>13</sup>Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

#### Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

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

#### 1. Stay out of debt.

Verse 8

#### Psalm 37:21 (NIV)

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously...

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#### 2. Care about people.

Verses 8-10

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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#### 3. Wake up spiritually.

Verse 11

#### Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6 (NIV)

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled...

#### John 14:1-3 (NIV)

#### Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

#### James 5:7-8 (NIV)

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup>You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

#### 1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)

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