



Message Outline
Broadway and the Bible:
Newsies

Ephesians 5:1-20

Intro: New series starting today...

- Broadway tunes and Biblical truths.
- My favorite musical...Newsies!

Now is the time to seize the day!
Send out the call and join the fray.
Wrongs will be righted,
If we're united.
Let us seize the day!

Read: Ephesians 5:1-20

- A sermon about seizing the day/carpe diem/“making the most of every opportunity” v.16.

1) _____ v.16

- If God tells us to “make the most of every opportunity”, it must mean life includes opportunity.
- Chances and choices in life...
- Spotting opportunity: examples from saints in Scripture...

2) _____ v.1-20

- v.1a—The role of godly mentors...
- v.1b—Family belonging matters! “children” also means we got some growing up to do...
- v.2—Love like Jesus...sacrificial/selfless.
- v.3—Warnings from bedroom and bank accounts...
- v.4—Warning from words...
- v.5—Warning about worship...

3) _____ v.8, 13-14

- Theme of “light”...
- Allowing Jesus to light our life...
- Responding to Jesus...now is the time to seize the day!

Ephesians 5:1-20 NLT

¹ Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

³ Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. ⁴ Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. ⁵ You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

⁶ Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. ⁷ Don’t participate in the things these people do. ⁸ For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! ⁹ For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

¹⁰ Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. ¹³ But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, ¹⁴ for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said,

“Awake, O sleeper,
 rise up from the dead,
 and Christ will give you light.”

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.