

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church



Saturday & Sunday, January 14/15, 2017 Ray Davis

Luke 2:21-38

“RESOLVED 2017”

A distracted life will eventually prove to be detrimental spiritually, emotionally and relationally. The key to an effective life is focus (Eph4:15-17). How do you do that? By asking the right questions! If you can answer these five questions you'll know what to cut out of your life and what to add and your stress level will go down and your satisfaction will go up and you'll live a more significant life.

Joseph and Mary, Simeon and Anna give testimony to the identity of Jesus with their lips and their lives and so should we. We can believe their witness because of the credibility of their lives. People will believe our witness because of the credibility of our lives. A more focused life will help us to do that!

What Will Be The Center of My Life?

Vv33-35 (Joseph/Mary, Simeon & Anna)

Self-centered or God-centered? 1Cor1:18; John3:16-19

A Genuine Christian walks with God!

What Will Be The Character of My Life?

Vv21-24 (Joseph & Mary)

Comfort or Character? Rom12:2; Matt7:24-27

A Growing Christian lives His Word!

What Will Be The Contribution of My Life?

Vv25-35 (Simeon)

Getting or Giving? Eph4:11-12; 1Pet2:9

A Giving Christian contributes to His Work!

What Will Be The Communication of My Life?

Vv36-38 (Anna)

Promoting me or Sharing Christ? 1Thess1:8; Acts1:8

A Going Christian makes an impact in this world!

What Will Be The Cause of My Life?

Vv29-32 (JESUS)

Is it all about ME or All about JESUS? 1Cor10:31

A Glorifying Christian lives all of life for God's Glory!

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think a distracted life will eventually prove to be detrimental spiritually, emotionally and relationally (Eph5:15-17)? What is the benefit of a focused life? How would you describe your life currently: Distracted-1-2-3-4-5-Focused?
- 2) Read Luke 2:21-38. What stands out to you from this text? Who does Joseph and Mary, Simeon and Anna identify Jesus to be? How important are they to Luke's purpose (Luke1:4)? A witness is only as good as the character of those who are giving it. What is the character of these four?
- 3) Joseph and Mary, Simeon and Anna give testimony to the identity of Jesus with their lips and their lives and so should we. Explain. How do the five sermon questions help to focus our lives so that we can become more effective?
- 4) Review the five questions along with sub points and cross references. Which one(s) are your strengths and which one(s) are your growth areas? What is God speaking to you through this study? What are your next steps in bringing greater focus to your life in 2017? Pray.