

SERMON NOTES: A LIFE LIVED WELL 2 - THE BATTLE BETWEEN YOUR INNER AND OUTER WORLDS (Sunday 3 May 2015)

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:1-2,7-11 (HCSB)

Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, equip yourselves also with the same resolve - because the one who suffered in the flesh has finished with sin - in order to live the remaining time in the flesh, no longer for human desires, but for God's will.

Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and disciplined for prayer. Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, it should be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, it should be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

QUOTES

"We must come to see ourselves as living in two very different worlds. Our outer, or public, world is easier to deal with. It is much more measurable, visible and expandable. It is the part of our existence easiest to evaluate in terms of success, popularity, wealth and beauty. Our public life is filled with a seeming infinity of demands upon our time, our loyalties, our money, and our energies. They scream for our time. There is a contest that must be fought particularly by those who call themselves Christians... who work hard, at home, at work, and at church. They are good people but they are very, very tired! And thus too often live on the verge of a sinkhole-like collapse."

Gordon MacDonald

ADDITIONAL READING

Ordering Your Private World - Gordon MacDonald

Crafting a Rule of Life - Stephen A. Macchia

God in my Everything - Ken Shigematsu

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

In preparation for writing a rule of life, reflect and journal on the following questions:

- + **Roles:** what are my primary relationships and responsibilities?
- + **Gifts:** what are my God-given gifts, talents and temperament?
- + **Passions:** what are my God-given passions and core values?
- + **Vision:** what is the core conviction that God has planted in me?
- + **Mission:** what am I currently doing to pursue my vision?