

A LIFE LIVED WELL

SERMON NOTES: A LIFE LIVED WELL 1 - WISDOM (Sunday 26 April 2015)

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 4:1-13 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Listen, my son. Accept my words,
and you will live many years.
I am teaching you the way of wisdom;
I am guiding you on straight paths.
When you walk, your steps will not be hindered;
when you run, you will not stumble.
Hold on to instruction; don't let go.
Guard it, for it is your life.

Romans 21:1-2 (The Message)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:
Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping,
eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—
and place it before God as an offering. Embracing
what God does for you is the best thing you can
do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your
culture that you fit into it without even thinking.
Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be
changed from the inside out. Readily recognize
what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.
Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you
down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best
out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

CLIPS

Hahn Superdry 'Experience Collectors'
commercial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSwE2oLwxXU>

The Graduate ending: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahFARm2j38c>

QUOTES

"In the ancient sense of the term, *regula* or rule meant 'guidepost' or 'railing', something to hang onto in the dark, that leads in a given direction, points out the road or gives us support as we climb. It's created of the raw materials of our lives... it's an invitation to life in all its fullness, depending on God and listening attentively to His voice. And it's fulfilled in the simple routines of everyday life, bursting forth from a well-ordered heart and resulting in the well-ordered way."

Stephen A. Macchia

"Christian youth leaders staged a quiet revolution in church life which can be called the *juvenilization* of Christianity. Juvenilization is the process by which the religious beliefs, practices, and developmental characteristics of adolescents become appropriate for Christians of all ages."

Thomas E. Bergler

ADDITIONAL READING

Crafting a Rule of Life - Stephen A. Macchia

God in my Everything - Ken Shigematsu

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- + Can you identify a rule of life that you are already following?
- + What are some of the false rules of life that you find yourself falling for?
- + Think about the values that you operate by. How does your faith inform these?