

Intentional Living

Ephesians 3:1-13

“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace which was given to me for you; that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God’s grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him. Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.”
(Ephesians 3:1–13, NASB)

1. _____ to God’s _____ on Your Life

- A. God Calls us to Himself for relationship, vs. 1a.
- B. God calls you to be an extension of Himself to others, vs. 1b.

2. _____ to Spiritual _____ and _____ in Ministry, vs. 2-13.

- A. Mature and effective Christians are not just born, but made.
- B. The making of a mature and engaged believer is a long, hard process.



3. _____ Upon the _____ of God

- A. (Gospel) Word of God, vs. 6.
- B. Grace of God, vs. 7a.
- C. Spirit of God, vs. 7b.
- D. Wisdom of God, vs. 10.

4. **Strategically and Perseveringly** _____ **the**
_____ **of God**

- A. Preach Jesus with passion, vs. 8-11.
- B. Pray with confidence for success, vs. 12.
- C. Persevere with Joy, vs. 13.

My Response:

- Am I living by intention or am I just drifting along in my Christian walk and call?

- What am I going to do this week to demonstrate that I am committed to growing spiritually and engaging in proclaiming the gospel? _____

- Understanding that believers and the church are to make known the unfathomable riches of Christ to all people, I will seek to tell _____ about Christ this week.

Answers: Surrender, Call, Commit, Maturity, Engagement, Depend, Resources, Proclaim, Gospel.