

Notes & Quotes

Luke 8:14



***Luke 8:4-8, 11-15**

1. **Romans 13:12-14**

2. **1 Peter 4:2-4**

3. **Galatians 5:19-25**

4. **Ephesians 5:15-18**

5. **1 Thessalonians 4:3-6**

6. **1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

7. **Proverbs
6:3-16**

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23:29-35**

PASSAGE FOR STUDY

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THIS WEEK'S TAKE HOME TRUTH

Warning:

*The Pleasures
of this World
may choke the
spiritual life
out of you.*

The seed that
fell among
thorns stands
for those who
hear, but as
they go on their
way they are
choked by life's
worries,
riches and
pleasures, and
they do not
mature

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Life Group Growth Guides



Opener



First
Look



Digging
Deeper



Life Change

What is your favorite season of the year? Why?
Do you have any fall traditions? What's your favorite
activity to do in the fall?

Read Luke 8:11-15. Jesus warns us that worldly pleasure can choke out the Word in our lives. But **1 Timothy 6:17** reminds us God "richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment". How can you square these two biblical truths? What "pleasures" might Jesus be referring to that choke out the Word?

Read Romans 13:12-14. What does it mean to 'put aside the deeds of darkness'? Who is the intended reader of this letter, believers or unbelievers? As you look at the list of "deeds of darkness" in vs. 13, how might you put these in categories? What connects all 6 together?

Read 1 Peter 4:2-4. It's said that 'old habits die hard', even for believers. What advice would you give a struggling believer about leaving the old way of life? What makes breaking from the past so difficult?

Read Galatians 5:19-25. Contrast the two lists, vs. 19-21 (fruit of the flesh) and vs. 22,23 (fruit of the Spirit). In vs. 24, we are reminded in Christ the flesh has been crucified. Why then do we struggle with the flesh? According to vs. 25, what is the only way we can live victoriously over the flesh? Why is it so difficult to do consistently?

Read Ephesians 5:15-18. According to this passage, if we want to be "wise" and "know the Lord's will" . . . What one thing should we not do? One thing we must do? Compare and contrast the analogy of drunkenness and Spirit Filled behaviors. How do we live with biblical wisdom (in regard to alcohol) yet not fall into Legalism that sacrifices the Gospel?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. Why are we told to flee "pornea" when with other sins, we are told to stay, stand, and fight? What's the difference? What makes our physical bodies honorable? What is the connecting point between drunkenness, immorality and broken relationships?

***Prayer Time** . . . Take a few minutes and share one area where the pursuit of "pleasures" might be choking out the Word in your life. Pray for those who need support in our community.

