

WHAT TO DO IN 72

Intro. Presumptuous title. How could anyone know? Don't know what 72 will bring. Presupp to title is knowledge of kind of yr. China, \$, jobs. 1 thing true of every yr. Evil. Not difficult but morally corrupt. Fornication, greediness, filthiness, foolish talk, low jesting (as long as comdy on TV). Same as 1st C. Recognize Eph 5:3-4. Diff today is not in secret, v12. Xn conduct in face of this kind of yr.

I. Be Strict in your walk, v 15.

See strictly or see how walk strictly. = akrōbos. Strict adherence to standard, Acts 26:5. What standard? Bible, Lk 1:3. Comes from careful investigation and knowledge of Word. Lk 2:8. In day of looseness, Xn should be strict. Moral laxity vs moral strtns Apply to fornication (wrong) covet (wrong) foolish talk (don't approve).

II. Be Smart in your Witness, v. 16.

A. What? the opportunity of my 1 life and all opportunities within it. This yr.
 B. How? buy, pay price. As merchant looking for good opportunity. Price of forethought, planning, discipline, embarasmt. All service but esp what snatches those from evil Gall:4. Pray for 1 good opp to witness/ mo. Plan to have tracts. Lots of sowing. Plan to expose friend to gospel.
 C. With what result? ek and middle. Take from Satan's use and for own and thus for Lord's. Satan captures opp thru our indifference.

III. Be Separated to the will of God, v. 17.

Opp is to be foolish. Lack of practical wisdom. Will affect (1) how you work, Eph. 6:6; (2) actions in society, 1 Pet. 2:15, (3) reactions to circ, 1Thess 5:18, (4) whole life, 1Thess 4:3.