



Good Life vs. Great Life

Genesis 4:17-26

Listen! The amazing life in the cultured class.

Why talk about this? What is the relationship between culture and Christ? What is our responsibility in the midst of self-indulgent people and a cultured society?

Thinking Thru the Passage :

- **OPTION A: Making the most of life without God. (vv 17-24)**
 - Building things for our security and pleasure. (v 17)
 - Naming things for our own fame. (v 17)
 - Degrading marriage for our own sexual pleasure. (v 19)
 - Pursuing commerce. (v 20)
 - Making music. (v 21)
 - Making tools and other stuff. (v 22)
 - Callous, arrogant disregard for others and for life. (vv 23, 24)
 - Summary: Self-centered living. “The Mad Hatter carnival ride.”
- **OPTION B: Making the most of God in life. (vv 25, 26)**
 - Seth. (v 25)
 - Calling on the name of the Lord. (v 26)
 - ✍ Beginning the relationship:
 - ✍ Nurturing the relationship:
 - ✍ Worshiping the Father:
 - ✍ Communicating Him by name:
 - Summary: God-centered living. “The Edmonton Rollercoaster.”

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So, what should we do?

- **Application #1.** First, foremost, and continually _____ our lives in God. (Romans 12:1, 2)
- **Application #2.** Then, with our lives centered in God, use and _____ the gifts of culture—everyone else is sentenced to ride the Mad Hatter. (Matthew 19:22 and 1 Timothy 6:17)
- **Application #3.** Only the God-centered life can truly _____ the good things of culture. (1 Timothy 6:17)
- **Application #4.** Only the God-centered life is not _____ toward the good things of culture. (Exodus 20: 3, 4)
- **Application #5.** God centered people are responsible and capable of _____ the “excellencies” of God. (1 Peter 2:9)

Our choice: The Mad Hatter or the Rollercoaster?

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Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

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Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** Have you begun the life of relationship with God, become His child, by putting your trust in Christ?
- **Monday:** Where is your life centered? What is your evidence for your answer? Do you need to re-center your life today?
- **Tuesday:** Are you enjoying the gifts which God has given you richly to enjoy?
- **Wednesday:** Has any gift in your life become a god to you?
- **Thursday:** What are you doing to communicate the nature of God to others?
- **Friday:** What are you willing to do to communicate the Person of God to others?
- **Saturday:** For tomorrow read and reflect on Genesis 5:1-32.

“Strive to make the most of God in life.”