

MEASURE TWICE IN THE MATTER OF THE LIFE THE CHRISTIAN SHOULD LIVE

In a world filled with evil, there is no realistic hope of living acceptably before God without a circumspect or a careful approach to the matter of godly living – (Ephesians 5:15-17). Imagine your life as a speech. What kind of speech is it: a painstakingly prepared text or an impromptu performance that you make up as you go along? Which will have the best result? The prepared speech, of course. Our lives are much like the building of a brick wall – it is built one brick at a time. As a mason builds a brick wall, he will check it with the plumb line as he builds (Amos 7:7-8). We need more men and women who will consciously and carefully distinguish right from wrong (Hebrews 5:14).

Socrates is reported to have said, “The unexamined life is not worth living” - life is too consequential not to be thoughtful and deliberate about its examination. We ought to carefully settle on our convictions and then fit our lives to those convictions. Too often we merely do what comes naturally - and then make up a set of “convictions.” (Jeremiah 10:23). The spiritual consequences of “ill-measured” deeds are eternal — we cannot afford to cut now and measure later.