

# BELTWAY PARK

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## Weird OK or Best? January 15, 2012

*Text: Ephesians 5:15-18 (p.1159)*

**We think \_\_\_\_\_ equals \_\_\_\_\_.**

We think: Important people are \_\_\_\_\_. I want to be important. Therefore, if I am \_\_\_\_\_, then I am...important.

The answer to the normal pace of our culture – the frantic busyness many people live in - isn't to swing the proverbial pendulum and do nothing, living a \_\_\_\_\_, slothful life.

Much of the stress we feel today isn't that we are simply doing a lot of stuff (which we are). The stress comes from wondering if all the activities and stuff we are doing are not the pebbles and sand, the lesser stuff of life, while the big rocks are being \_\_\_\_\_.

Normal in our world is activity, fitting as much as we can into life. But it's unwise. To live wisely is to make sure the big rocks go in first, to live our lives for what is \_\_\_\_\_.

**We can know what is \_\_\_\_\_.**

The overwhelming number of choices that we daily and regularly make causes us both stress and causes us not to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

Everyone has “guiding philosophy” of life, either known or unknown, examined or unexamined. We make our choices daily based on something – and our life ends up being the \_\_\_\_\_ of our choices.



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Darkness keeps us from finding what is truly important, from finding what is best. And because of \_\_\_\_\_, the whole world is in darkness.

Into the hopelessness, into the lostness of our darkness came \_\_\_\_\_ . (*Jn. 1:4*)

\_\_\_\_\_ doesn't want us in the dark. When we give our lives to Jesus, we are changed. We are no longer in the dark. We are now in the light.

As Christians, we can know what \_\_\_\_\_ (which most of us would say is the definition of what is important).

**We have \_\_\_\_\_ to choose what is \_\_\_\_\_.**

God has given to us \_\_\_\_\_ that we can be filled with again and again and again to empower us to choose what is best in all of life and not just fill our lives with activities.

If we will dare learn to listen to God's Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ to what He tells us, He will lead us to what we need to be doing and growing in during the various seasons and phases of our lives.

I am confident God's Spirit will lead me to the very best – a balanced, healthy life where I find “\_\_\_\_\_” in the whole of life as I obediently listen to and follow Him.

As I look around, it appears to me that \_\_\_\_\_ isn't really working that well for our world.

I want what is \_\_\_\_\_. I want a Spirit-filled life where I have grown by the continual filling of God to be a really good son of God, husband, father, friend and pastor who enjoys life and spends my God-given resource called time on what is truly \_\_\_\_\_.

