

Daily Devotion For June 24, 2020

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16

Yesterday, I ran into an old high school classmate. As we were engaged in conversation, he shared with me that several months ago he was having abdominal pain and went to the Community Hospital. After spending a few hours there they sent him home with a diagnosis of colitis and some medications. The following month he continued to have the abdominal pains and returned to CHOMP where they discovered that it was stage 4 colon cancer. After surgery and treatment, tomorrow is a diagnosis to see how the treatment is going and what the chances of survival are. As we talked, we shared about our other friends from MHS '72. Some of our good friends had passed away.

Makes me think of how precious life is and how life is a gift from God. You may have already heard this quote, “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, **today is a gift** of God, which is why we call it the **present**.” The apostle Paul reminded us in Ephesians 5 to make the most of every opportunity.

Thought For Today: Are you living in the past or the present? What can you do today that will make the most of the opportunities despite these difficult days.

Today's Prayer Focus: Please pray for Pastor Mark and Nancy's daughter in laws family in Mexico where a 7.5 earthquake hit. They are safe but are without water and electricity in a multi-floored building. Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel.