

Not Just Getting By

Union Chapel Theme for 2021:

"Walking in Opportunity"

*Be very careful, then, how you live
not as _____ but as _____,
making the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.*

*Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the Lord's will is.
Ephesians 5:15-17*

Paul was urging the church not to miss or
_____ through opportunities.

A common human tendency is to do just enough
and not put forth our total _____.

Jesus' words

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your **heart**
and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind**. This is the first
and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:
'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matt. 22:37-39

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot.
I wish you were either one or the other! Rev. 3:15*

At times Christianity has so many parts,
it can be overwhelming.

So, let's simplify it by putting it all in three categories.

HEART we **C**_____ with God [UP]

SOUL we **C**_____ our inner life [IN]

MIND we **C**_____ on our Mission [OUT]

Make Every Effort to . . .

F_____ **Him** [UP]

Make every effort to enter through the narrow door ... Lk 13:24
Make every effort to confirm your calling [not stumble] 2 Pet. 1:10
Make every effort to ... be able to remember these things.
2 Pet. 1:15

F_____ **your work in Me** [IN]

Make every effort to be found spotless ... at peace with Him
[Integrity] 2 Pet. 3:14
Make every effort to enter that rest. [Trust & Rest] Heb. 4:11
Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to
goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-
control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to god-
liness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you
possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you
from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our
Lord Jesus Christ. [Growth] 2 Peter 1:5-8

F_____ **on Others** [OUT]

Make every effort to keep the unity through the bond of peace.
[Unity] Eph. 4:3
Make every effort to do what leads to peace / mutual edification
[Encouragement] Rom. 14:19
Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be
holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that
no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter
root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Heb. 12:14-15
[Forgiveness]

Optional Reading: Wholehearted ^x key verse (13 chapters)

Numbers 14²⁴ & 32¹² **Joshua** 14¹⁴ **2 Kings** 20³
1 Chron. 29⁹ **2 Chron.** 6¹⁴ 15¹⁵ 19⁹ 25² 31²¹
Isaiah 38³ **Ephesians** 6⁷ **Colossians** 3²³