

**Answer Key:**

# Summer Days in the Carolinas

**Dial In...**

- affective
- problem
- overloaded
- matters

**Part 1**

“What are you “Focused” on this Summer?”

**Life’s important questions to ask yourself ...**

**Ephesians 1:18 Message**

*“I ask God...to make your eyes focused and clear, so you can see exactly what it is God is calling you to do...”*

**Introductory Statement**

*If you want God to use you in great ways, you need focus. The more focused you are, the more effective you will be—and the more God will use you. There’s awesome power in focus. Diffused light doesn’t have much of an effect on what it touches. But when you focus light—like the sun’s light through a magnifying glass—you can light a piece of paper or grass on fire. If you can focus it even more, it becomes a laser. A laser can cut through steel and destroy cancer.*

**Proverbs 4:25 NCV**

*“Keep your eyes focused on what is right and look straight ahead to what is good.”*

1. center

- strong
- solid
- secure

2. character

- person
- who

3. contribution

- myself / other
- people

4. communication

- world
- powerful
- different

*"There are only the pursued, the pursuing, the busy, and the tired."*

*F. Scott Fitzgerald*

*There is more to summer than relaxing on the beach. While there is plenty of value in rest, you will also want to take advantage of the many restoratives and personally fulfilling opportunities that this unique season provides.*

### **Dial In...**

- The key to an \_\_\_\_\_ life is focus – like a laser, the stronger the focus, the more concentrated the focus, the more power the laser has.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is most of us have very unfocused lives.
- So, an unfocused life causes you to get \_\_\_\_\_.
- The more you focus the more you center in on what really \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 5:17 ICB**

***"Don't be foolish with your lives. but learn what the Lord wants you to do.***

### **Life's important questions to ask yourself...**

1. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

**Psalm 62:10 NLT**

***"If your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life."***

#### **Starting point!**

- career
- sports
- making money
- hobbies

**\* There is nothing wrong with any of these things.**

- They are not \_\_\_\_\_ enough, they are not \_\_\_\_\_ enough, they are not \_\_\_\_\_ enough to be the center of your life!

**2 Corinthians 5:14 Message**

***"Christ's love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from this focused center..."***

Are you **SELF-CENTERED** or **GOD-CENTERED?**

## Life's important questions to ask yourself...

2. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

### Romans 8:29 Living Bible

***"For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him should become like His Son."***

• What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ am I going to be in this life?

### Philippians 2:5 NCV

***"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus."***

• God is far more interested in \_\_\_\_\_ you are than what you do.

### 2 Peter 1:5 Message

***"Don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love."***

The choice we must make is, **COMFORT** or **CHARACTER?**

## Life's important questions to ask yourself...

3. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

### 1 Peter 4:10 Living Bible

***"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."***

The questions need to be asked, am I going to use them just to benefit \_\_\_\_\_ or am I going to use them to help \_\_\_\_\_ people?

### Ephesians 2:10 Living Bible

***"It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."***

• Every day of your life you walk by people who need you, people who you could help.

***One day you're going to stand before God and God's going to say, "What did you do with what I gave you? What did you do with your life, your talents, your abilities? Did you make any contribution?"***

Are you **GETTING** or **GIVING?**

## Life's important questions to ask yourself...

4. What will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life?

### 1 Thessalonians 1:8 Message

***"You lives are echoing the Master's Word... The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore – you're the message!"***

• What does God want to say to the \_\_\_\_\_ through me?

### Philippians 1:27 Message

***"Live in such a way that you are a credit to the message of Christ..."***

• The most \_\_\_\_\_ message comes through a person.

### Acts 20:24 Living Bible

***"Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love."***

• Remember, you have got to tell people why you are

\_\_\_\_\_.

Are you promoting **MYSELF** OR **SHARIN F CHRIST**

## Edgar Guest wrote this poem:

**I'd rather see a sermon than hear one, any day.**

**I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way**

**The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear.**

**Fine counsel is confusing but an example is always clear.**

**I can so learn how to do it if you let me see it done**

**I can catch your hands in action but your tongue too fast may run.**

**And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true**

**But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do.**

**For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give**

**But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.**

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