



Weekly Devotion

Organizing Time - Our Most Valuable Asset

"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, 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

Time – you can't see, touch, taste, or hear it. Yet, it has existed since the beginning of creation. Since only God knows how much time we have in the span of our lives, we are gifted a certain amount since the day we are born into this earthly realm. It is the most important asset you have. Of all the attributes in your life, it has the most impact on how your life is spent. Do you waste it, spend it, or invest it?

The concept of how we view time seems to morph as we age. In our younger years, we always seemed to be waiting on time - waiting for a holiday, waiting for a summer vacation, waiting for our birthday. As we age, those questions change to "where did the year go?", "it's Christmas already?", "wow, time flies". Yet, the amount of time you get in a day never changes, it's the same every day, fourteen hundred and forty minutes – never more, never less.

Because most of us get a substantial amount of time when we are born, we seldom evaluate how we spend those minutes and the urgent or

casual way in which we hold them. And in those fourteen hundred and forty minutes a day, that which we lose, or waste will never be regained. Once it passes, it's gone – forever. Time is the foundation of all things and its worth is incomparable.

When we think of stewardship, the first thing that usually comes to mind is money. But time surpasses money, money cannot buy time but, with time you can earn money. We tend to view our lives in weeks, months, and years rather than seconds, minutes, and hours which provides a long-sighted view of time. This view hides any sense of urgency about life and what is possible in our time here. It creates the illusion that there is plenty of time left to accomplish our goals. This illusion spawns procrastination and a casual attitude towards the gift of life we have been given. Consequently, we end up saying "I'll get around to it" or "I'll do it tomorrow".

If we want to take control of our time, we must get rid of our current viewpoint of time and organize the value of our time in seconds, minutes, and hours, not camouflage it into a seemingly endless number of years. It's not about "counting our time" but "making our

time count" and being intentional with the gift of time God has given us. We must plan the time we are given each day and give thought to what God wants us to do for every moment, situation, and conversation.

It's a good idea to consider how much time you think you have left and create a plan for the things you want to achieve from the end of your life backward. This gives you a realistic point of view over your time and helps you discover what is possible with the amount of time you may have left and reveals what must be done in small steps to have your vision become a reality.

In its most distilled form, stewardship of time shows our reverence for the gift of life God has given us. If we take it with the seriousness it deserves, we can experience more of its true value. Real fulfillment shows up when we learn to value each moment. This is synonymous with "gratefulness of time" creates "great fullness in time". Consider your time as the great precious gift it is today.

"Time is the natural currency of life. Do you waste it, spend it, or invest it?"

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