

The Stewardship of TIME

(Ephesians 5:15, Psalm 90 & other Scriptures)

INTRODUCTION:

EPHESIANS 5:15

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU USE TIME (REDEEM YOUR TIME (V. 16)

Cp. Col. 4:5 - "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."

- a. KNOW ITS WORTH.
 1. Time is valuable (precious)
 2. Time is irreplaceable.
- b. KNOW ITS UNCERTAINTY
"Days are evil" (wicked)

See: Psalm 90

**Three truths to remember about time from Psalm 90 -*

1. **God is not bound by time (v. 1-6)**

2. **Man's life is short, and sin makes it sorrowful (v. 7-11)**

3. **We need God to give us wisdom to make the most of our lives (v. 12-17)**

How to make the most of your life:

- a) Live in light of the Lord's return (v. 13)
- b) Experience the Lord's merciful salvation (v. 14)
- c) Let God bring joy and fulfillment into your life, rather than spending your life trying to find it
- d) Trust God to work in and through your life (v. 16-17)

CONCLUSION: Words of Wisdom regarding our time:

1. Wake up out of your spiritual lethargy (Rom. 13:11-14)
2. Prioritize your life
 - a. Our # 1 love (Matthew 22:37-40)
 - b. Our # 1 goal (Mt. 6:33)
 - c. Our # 1 job (I Tim. 2:1)
3. Make your plans by seeking God's will (Ja. 4:13-15)
4. Seek to make every moment count for God (Eph. 5:16)
 - a. Ask God to fill (control) you with His Holy Spirit every day.
 - b. Invest your life in the eternal, not the temporal
 - c. Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing
 - d. Schedule your time and discipline your life
 - e. Live each day as if it were your last