

**Intro:**

READ WLC Q&A 151:4 “From circumstances of time and place:”

Main Point of Text: Wicked people are so ridiculous, they won’t walk or see straight even when they are put in the right place.

Sermon Point: *Make the most of every Moment.*

**Move 1: *Make the most of your public witness and influence.***

LC: “if in publick, or in the presence of others, who are thereby likely to be provoked or defiled”:

- 2 Sam 16:22: Absalom slept w/ fathers concubines on roof in sight of all Israel.
- 1 Sam. 2:22-24: Eli’s ... lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them ... my sons ... ye make the LORD'S people to transgress.

**Move 2: *Make the most of Sabbath worship and other services.***

LC: “if”

- “on the Lord's day”: Israelites guilty of adultery, idolatry, child sacrifice. Moreover ... they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. (Ezekiel 23:37-38)
- “or other times of divine worship”: Times at church that should be holy but are worldly.
- Num. 25:6: Israelite had sex w/ woman in front of brethren at temple.

**Move 3: *Make the most of your preparation for and reflection on the means of grace.***

LC: “or immediately before or after these [Sabbath/worship services]”: For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you ... When ye come together ... into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken ... despise ye the church of God? (1 Cor. 11:18-22). Don’t be like Judas who betrayed Jesus right after he shared the Lord’s Supper with Him.

**Move 4: *Make the most of your minister, elders, and one another.***

LC: “or other helps to prevent or remedy such miscarriages”: And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed

*us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?* (Ezra 9:13-14) Presumption.

***Move 5: Make the most of all God has given you.***

LC: “From circumstances of time and place”: trust Rom. 8:28. Don’t waste generous providence. Is. 26:10:

- Covenant people: put in the land of uprightness (straightness). But they won’t learn righteousness.
- Implication: a shaking head, “unbelievable”.
- Ps. 24:1: God owns the world and everyone in it. He owns every day, week, month, year, life.
- Js. 1:17-18: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights ... Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Ps. 31:15. Question is, what will you do with all of this time? Maximize mercy.
- *Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming [make most of] the time.* (Col. 4:5)

***Conclusion:***

***Make the most of every moment.***