

Goals, Priorities and Use of Time

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I. Introduction.

A. We all have the same amount of time.

B. We all have enough time.

C. When we say that we do not have enough time, we are probably not doing the things God wants us to do in God's way.

D. Psalm 90:9-12.

1. We should number our days.

2. We should be time conscious.

3. We should recognize the importance of each day.

E. Ephesians 5:15-18.

1. A good use of time is wisdom.

2. A wise use of time is a mark of being filled by the Spirit.

F. Colossians 4.

II. What is time? Time is a measure, which is only significant because of its use.

III. Whose time is it?

A. God created time. (Hebrews 1:2)

B. The basis of our stewardship of our time is the belief that we do not belong to ourselves, our time is fleeting and we must respond appropriately. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; James 4:14)

IV. How to use time properly.

A. Establish priorities. (Colossians 1:9-10)

1. Fellowship with Jesus. (John 10:10; 2 Peter 1:3)

2. Families.

3. Work or ministry. (John 3:6)

4. Recreation.

5. Public relations. (Proverbs 29:25; Galatians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 7:23)

B. Set goals. (Philippians 3:14-15; Isaiah 43:18)

1. Life goals. (Philippians 3:10)

2. Long range goals.

3. Intermediate goals.

4. Daily goals.

5. Short range goals.

a. Personal.

1) Spiritual. (Romans 8:29)

2) Mental. (Philippians 2:5)

3) Physically. (1 Corinthians 9:26-27)

4) Social. (Luke 2:52)

b. Family.

1) Your spouse. (1 Peter 3:7)

2) Your children. (2 Peter 3:18; Genesis 18:19)

c. Ministry. (Deuteronomy:18)

C. Evaluate your time.

D. Operate within a margin in all areas. (Jeremiah 46:17; John 13:1)

E. Do one thing at a time.

F. Learn to say no. (2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Corinthians 4:10)

1. Differentiate between the important and the basic. (Proverbs 16:9)

2. Get the facts. (Proverbs 24:4)

3. Think through. (Proverbs 22:3; Mark 3:9; Ecclesiastes 7:8)

G. Be time conscious. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

V. Hindrances to the proper use of time.

- A. No clear life objective.
- B. Laziness.
- C. Selfishness.
- D. Worldliness.

Application questions:

1. What are some areas of your day that you can say no to?

2. How can you become better at saying no to things?

3. List our your life priorities and evaluate your schedule according to your priorities. What changes can you make?
