

Investing Time

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time” (Col. 4:5). The activities you choose can further your walk with the Lord, draw you away from Him, or just waste time. Explore the benefits and drawbacks of various activities.

Ephesians 5:15-17

Redeeming the time = ?

Circumspectly = ?

Because the days are evil = ?

But understand what the will of the Lord is = ?

Psalm 90:10-12

What is the message of these verses?

Using Time Wisely

The famous question: "Is it wrong for a Christian to....."

- play video games, use Facebook or other social media, watch TV shows, go to movies, go shopping

What are some better questions to ask ourselves?

1. Will how I spend my time further my walk with the Lord?
1 Corinthians 10:23, 1 Timothy 4:8
2. Am I spending too much time with a particular activity? Is it having mastery over me?
1 Corinthians 6:12
3. Am I spending my time wisely, as a testimony for the Lord?
Colossians 4:5, Ephesians 5:15, 1 Peter 3:15, 2 Timothy 4:2, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Mark 16:15
4. Am I practicing self-control with how I spend my time so as to allow time for spiritual things?
1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 2 Timothy 2:4
5. Am I spending time on things that are an obstacle in my Christian walk?
Hebrews 12:1
6. Am I using my Christian liberty as a cloak for vice?
1 Peter 2:15-16, Romans 13:14, Romans 12:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:22
7. Am I involved in something that will be a stumbling block to someone else?
Romans 14:13 & 19
8. Can I do this activity in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God for it?
Colossians 3:17
9. Who do I spend my time with?
1 Corinthians 15:33, Psalm 1:1-6, 1 Corinthians 6:14-15
10. Am I spending time with "worldly" things; the lust of the flesh, eyes or pride of life?
1 John 2:15-17, Romans 12:1-2, John 17:15-18
11. Am I earning my own living if I am able? Am I leading a quiet and peaceful life?
Ephesians 4:28, 2 Thessalonians 3:8 & 10, 1 Thessalonians 4:11, 1 Timothy 2:1-2
12. Is my conduct worthy of the gospel of Christ?
Philippians 1:27, 1 Peter 1:17-19, 1 Peter 2:11-12
13. Am I working to earn a living, or am I in the pursuit of riches?
Matthew 6:24, Luke 12:13-21, 34, Matthew 6:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:17-19
14. What am I thinking about, reading about, watching, talking about? Filling my mind with?
Philippians 4:8-9, Colossians 3:1-8, Romans 6:13

Right Now Counts Forever

"Time Well Spent"

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1. All my time is God's time and all of my time is my time by His delegation. I am His steward, so I will give account.
2. Time is redeemed by concentration and focus. Focus on task at hand with fierce concentration, makes productive use of time.
3. The mind can redeem valuable time taken up by ordinary or mechanical functions. Thoughts during sleep, shower, walk, driving etc.
4. Use leisure time for pursuits that are life enriching. Reading, outside area of expertise, crossword puzzles, music.
5. Find way to cheat the "Sand Man." Retire 8-9 p.m. and when possible, rise at 4 a.m., for more productive use of time. From distractions and interruptions—study, write, and prayer.
6. Use drive-time for learning, lectures/instructional tapes.
7. A schedule is more liberating than restricting. Find time for leisure, recreation, and avocation. It helps us find the rhythm for a God-glorifying productive life.

Time in the Word

Colossians 3:16, Psalm 119:11, Acts 17:11, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12

Rest

Mark 6:30-32

A Final Thought

James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.