# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME



LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Many of us are wondering where 2020 went. Many of us thought that being in quarantine would give us more time, but perhaps all those Zoom meetings "zoomed" us into 2021. As we see the rising cases of disease and death, we realize that life is fragile, and time seems shorter. How do we make each day count so that we don't live a life of regret? How do we make the most of our T.I.M.E.?

### TREASURE TIME (Ephesians 5:15-16)

The wise value time. Ask yourself, what do you lose time on? Are you a gamer, social media-er, Netflix-er, Lazada-er, K-Drama-er? To make the most of our time is to redeem time. You are purchasing out of slavery the fleeting opportunities that you are presented with. Why do we redeem time? Because "the days are evil" (vv.15-16). God uses the pandemic for good but because of sin, the days are evil — just look at the suffering around you. There's corruption in the world. Why do we redeem the time? Because we are children of the light, we redeem time in the darkness.

## INVEST OUR TIME (Ephesians 5:17)

We can only invest time, not save it. As A.W. Tozer eloquently puts it: "Time is a resource that is nonrenewable and nontransferable. You cannot store it, slow it up, hold it up, divide it up or give it up. You can't hoard it up or save it for a rainy day — when it's lost its unrecoverable. When you kill time, remember that it has no resurrection." Therefore, the wise thing to do with time is to understand what the Lord's will is. We need to seek and learn what God wants us to do through studying His Word (Deuteronomy 4:5-6). Psalm 119:105 says, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". God will guide and tells us enough of what we need to do and it's going to be like a path we can follow one step at a time.

## this week's memory verse

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10



#### MANAGE PRIORITIES (Matthew 6:33)

What should we prioritize each day? God, family, health, work, ministry, friends, and hobbies last. An equally important question to ask is, "whose priorities are you focused on?" Matthew 6:33 commands us to put God's priorities first. God's kingdom should be first in our agenda each day. Colossians 3:17 tells us that we can have the most menial job in the world, and yet do it in the most God-glorifying way. Moms who are homeschooling, dads who take time to be with their children after a tiring day at work, even those who use their downtime to fellowship with friends on weekends —what you do can be your priority for eternity if you do it all for the Lord.

#### ENTRUST ALL THINGS (Ephesians 5:18-20)

Unlike the Avengers movie "Infinity War", we do not have a "time stone" that shows us the one best life for us. But we have God who does not only see 14,000,605 possibilities. We have a God who sits outside of time and tells us that there is a way to live the best life you can live from this day forward! He tells us that we must entrust our lives to Him. Ephesians 5:18-20 tells us to live in the Spirit. Living in the Spirit results in a life of worship (v.1 8) — with others, and within my own life (v.1 9), resulting in a grateful heart (v.20).

Joel 2:12-13, 25 shows us that when we repent and return to the Lord from our hearts, He will make up to us the years that we have lost. Whatever our regrets are, God can make up for it. So as 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 commands us, let us honor God with the life we live in this earthly body. Let us make the most of our TIME for the Lord!

#### discussion questions

What are the time wasters that you need to spend less time on?

What are important things that you need to invest more time in?

What do you commit to do each day to remind yourself to live spirit-filled and entrust all your time to God?

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