

LESSON TWO

Stewarding Time

Text

EPHESIANS 5:14-17

14 *Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.*

15 *See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

16 *Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

17 *Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

Overview

One of the greatest and most valuable gifts God has given to us is time. We are each given the same limited amount of time each day, and God teaches us His priorities for the stewardship of our time.

Introduction

I. The _____ of Time

A. *Awake to* _____

EPHESIANS 5:14

14 *Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.*

ISAIAH 55:6-7

6 *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, Call ye upon him while he is near:*

7 *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

ISAIAH 60:1

1 *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.*

B. *Awake to God's* _____

II. The _____ of Time

A. *A* _____ *walk*

EPHESIANS 5:15

15 *See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

1 PETER 5:8

8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*

B. *A* _____ *walk*

EPHESIANS 5:16

16 *Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

MARK 13:33

33 *Take heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.*

EPHESIANS 5:15-16

15 *See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

16 *Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

III. The _____ of Time

EPHESIANS 5:17

17 *Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

A. *Seek the* _____ *of God*

1. *Seek it in God's Word*

PROVERBS 2:2-6

2 *So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;*

3 *Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*

4 *If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;*

5 *Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*

6 *For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

2. Ask God for it

JAMES 1:5

5 *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

3. Listen to the counsel of others

PROVERBS 1:5

5 *A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*

4. Through trial and error, apply it to our lives

PROVERBS 6:23

23 *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:*

PSALM 90:12

12 *So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

PSALM 39:4–5

4 *LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.*

5 *Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.*

B. Seek the _____ of God

JAMES 4:13

13 *Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain.*

JAMES 4:14

14 *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

JAMES 4:15

15 *For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.*

Conclusion

Study Questions

1. What three options do we have for the use of our time?
2. In order, what are the two greatest gifts we have been given?
3. Why do we need to be circumspect, or cautious and vigilant in our walk?
4. What are the four ways we grow in wisdom?
5. Describe when you "awoke" to salvation.

6. In what ways do you see your adversary the devil devour your time during your days and weeks?
7. Success is knowing and doing the will of God. On a scale of one to ten, where would you place your level of success?
8. What specific changes will you make in your schedule (or lack of schedule) this week to enable you to steward your time according to the will of God?

Memory Verse

PSALM 90:12

12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.