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Making Time for God

Ephesians 5:15-21 Series: Living a Worship Full Life

Central Passage

Ephesians 5:15–21 (ESV) — 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Central Thought: Submitting every moment and every opportunity of our lives to the will of God is the wisest most worship full way to live.

Psalm 90:12 (ESV) — 12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

About Time...

Time is God's creation, and his purposes are being worked out in it toward his desired ends.

Acts 17:26–27 (NIV) — 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

❖ Three kinds of time – Chronos - Clock, Kairos – Moment, and Anon - Age.

Galatians 4:4–5 (NLT) — 4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

❖ The Bible calls our current time – age – evil.

Acts 2:40 (ESV) — 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

One of our most significant acts of worship is to make the most of the time God has given us in the moment in which he's placed us.

Ephesians 5:15–16 (ESV) — 15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Esther 4:14 (NLT) — 14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

Homework

- Spend some time in prayer, with your Bible and your calendar reflecting on if your schedule reflects your commitment to God's purposes for your life.
- ❖ Is there something that God may be asking you to add, or to give up, in order to fully fulfill is will for your life?

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