

Redeeming the Days

Ephesians 5:15-20; Psalm 90:12

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:15-16***

Life is the most precious c_____ we have.

*What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **Mark 8:36-37***

The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Psalm 90:10

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **2 Corinthians 4:17***

*Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **Ephesians 5:17***

Ways we waste our time

- Failing to determine our p_____
- Failing to plan e_____

*Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. **Isaiah 55:2***

- Failing to c_____

Four Ways to Redeem the Time

1. Understand How _____ the Day Is

2. Walk in God's W_____

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9**

3. Be Filled with the S_____

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

John 15:1-2

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **John 15:3-4**

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:5**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Psalms 118:24**

4. W_____ Regularly

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 5:19-20**

"In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

2 Corinthians 6:2

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