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Time and Time Again

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Ephesians 5:15-17 "Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

The Greek word translated as "Opportunity" is Kairos, which literally means "THE RIGHT TIME".

ESV "making the best use of the time."

CEV "make every minute count."

Three Steps to Foolproof Your Time

Psalms 90:12 & 17 "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"

1. COUNT Your DAYS.

Psalms 90:12 "So teach us to number our days..."

Job 14:5 "A person's days are determined; You have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed."

Hebrews 9:27 "Just as man is destined to die once..."

2 Corinthians 4:16 & 5:1 "Our bodies are gradually dying...We know that our body - the tent we live in here on earth - will be destroyed."

Accepting your limits leads to wisdom.

2. Make Your DAYS COUNT.

Psalms 90:12 "...that we may get a heart of wisdom."

Wisdom is the ability to evaluate what matters most.

Colossians 4:5 "Walk in wisdom...redeeming the time."

It's not how much time you spend on earth that matters most - it's how you spend your time that really counts.

Proverbs 31:30 "Charm is deceptive, and **beauty** does not last..."

Ecclesiastes 8:8 "No one has **power** in the day of death."

Proverbs 23:5 "In the blink of an eye **wealth** disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle."

2 Thessalonians 3:11-13 "We hear that some of you are living idle lives...wasting time."

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 "For **what is it we live for**, that gives us hope and joy and is our proud reward and crown? **It is you!** Yes, you will bring us much joy as we stand together before our Lord Jesus Christ when He comes back again. For you are our trophy and joy."

3. Count Them ONE By ONE.

Psalm 90:17 "...yes, establish the work of our hands!"

In light of my past experience, my current circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams, what's the wise thing to do?

The Past teaches us that investing small amounts of time over time is cumulative.

Proverbs 13:12 "The one who gathers wealth little by little will become rich."

The Present teaches us to do today what I can do, to enable me to do tomorrow what I can't do today.

Daniel 6:10 "Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

My Future teaches me to say no to the trivial and the random, so that I can seek first what matters most.

Matthew 6:33 "But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well."

Memory Verses: Psalm 90:12 & 17 "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"

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