G R O W T H N O T E S

Scriptures: James 4:13-17 & Others

Series: WHAT DO YOU SEE? – PART 4

Message: "HOW TO RECLAIM YOUR TIME!"

James 4:13-17 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

- ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
- ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."
- ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.
- ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

• There are some people, some places, and some things that I cannot waste time on—and that I should not permit to waste my time!

2 Corinthians 6:2: 3 "Now is the time of God's favor, and today is the day of salvation!"

HOW DO I 'RECLAIM MY TIME'?

QUESTION #1 Why Should We Appreciate Our Time?

1. Time must be appreciated—because time is precious, and time is passing!

James 4:14: "...What is your life...!?

- Life is a gift from God.
- God is the source, secret, sustainer of life.
- God is the beginning, the end of life, the everything in between of life.

- God is the provider, the perpetuator, and the protector of life.
- Life is complex...over which we often have no control!

James 4:14: "...You do not know what will happen...!"

- Life is not just about who you were—but who you have the potential to become!
- Because both your income and your outcome will be determined by who you become!
- Stop asking spiritually blind people to read your vision!
- Because whatever God has for you is definitely not behind you!
- Time is passing and must be appreciated!

James 4:14b: "...You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes!"

- Time never comes to stay; it always comes to go!
- Our lives are compared to a mist, a vapor, a mist, momentary, temporary, transitory...

QUESTION #2 Why Should We Administrate (or Manage) Our Time?

2. Time must be administrated—meaning that it's always faulty to plan without God!

James 4:13: Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

- We should not seek to fit God into our plans—but to fit ourselves into God's plans!
- HOW?—Treat everyday as a gift from God!
- Yesterday is history—tomorrow is mystery—but today is a gift—that's why it's called the present!

- Each day our lives are filled with activity, responsibility, and opportunity—which is why Ephesians 5:16 admonishes us to 'REDEEM THE TIME'—seize, by up, make the most of every second of everyday!
- I must treat each day as a gift from God—then trust everyday as a gift to God!
- Planning without God is not independence—it's ignorance!
- I must treat and trust each day as a gift from God and offer it as a gift to God!
- 3. Time must be allocated according to God's will!

Psalm 90:12: Moses Said—"Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom!"

James 4:15: "Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

- I must live our lives according to the will of God.
- I must live our lives accepting the will of God!
- I must learn to accept whatever God allows!
- Because if God allowed it to enter my life—God has a purpose for it being in my life!

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