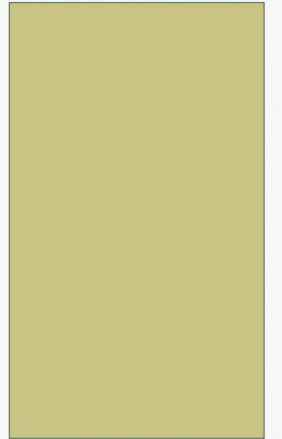


# MAKING THE MOST OF OUR TIME

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## *BRIEF REVIEW: How To Make The Most Of Our Trust*

- *We Must Establish The Principles Of Wise Stewardship:*
- *God Is The Owner*
- *We Are The Stewards*
  
- *We Must Be Faithful To The Trust We Have Been Given*

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## God Expects Us To Be Wise Stewards Of Our Time

- *Time Is Important To Us*
- *Time Is A Treasure In Limited Supply*
- *We Need To Spend Our Time Doing What Counts Most*

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- **(Eph 5:15-17 NIV)** *Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, (16) making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (17) Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*
- *“Be Very Careful” = Be Awake & Alert*
- *“Make The Most Of” = Buy Up; Ransom; Rescue*
- *“Every Opportunity” = All of The Times & Seasons*
- *“Do Not Be Foolish, Understand” = Make Wise Decisions*

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## *The Two Parts Of This Message:*

- 1. What Does God Say About Time?*
- 2. What We Can Do To Make The Most Of Our Time?*

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## *What Does God Say About Time?*

- 1. God Made Time and Rules Over It*
- 2. Each person has a brief life span of time*
- 3. Our Life Span is 70 – 80 Years*
- 4. Our Life Has an Appointed Ending*
- 5. God Acts & We Serve Him w/in the Realm of Time*

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- *Knowing God Is An Essential in Time Stewardship*
- *When We Come To God Our Value System Changes*
- **(2 Cor 5:17 NIV)** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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- *Making the Most of Our Time Is Finding Out What God Values And Then Planning & Working Towards That Value*
- It's About Making Plans To Use Our Time Based On God's Values – Purposes -- and Priorities
- **(Prov 19:21 NIV)** Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.



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## God Is A God Of Structure Organization And Planning

- *Moses And Joshua Led The Children Of Israel*
  - *David And Solomon And The Temple*
  - *Nehemiah The Rebuilding Of The Walls*
  - *Jesus In His Life*
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- Because These Folks Knew God : They Knew His Values – Plan – Purpose & Priorities

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- **(Psa 33:11 NIV)** *But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.*
- *God's Plans Are Firm—Unchanging --Forever*

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## What We Can Do To Make The Most Of Our Time?

- *Because We Value Time We Try To Save & Manage It.*
- *Yet --We Can't Manage Time So We Must Manage Ourselves*
- *"Time management" is really a misnomer--the challenge is not to manage time, but to manage ourselves."* Steven Covey

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## How To Manage Yourself Within Your Time:

- **Establish Priorities** – *What things matter the most?*
- **Take A Time Inventory** – *Find out Where You Spend It*
  - **Time Is A Gift** -- *It's Not For Sale*
  - **Time Is Irreplaceable** – *Lost Time is Gone*
- **Budget Time** - *Make Time And Do What Matters Most*

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- **Get Rid Of Time Wasters**
- Implement A Plan And Stick To It
- Seek The Lord -- Get His Plan --Follow Through
- (Isa 32:8 NIV) But the noble man makes noble plans, and by noble deeds he stands. (*Noble = Generous / Good*)

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## What Happens When We Don't Make The Most Of Our Time?

- ***We Ignore Scripture:***

*(Psa 90:12 NIV) Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

- *We Will Get Little Done*

- *Life Is More Difficult With The Passing Of Time*

- *We Dishonor God*

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- *When We Are Properly Managing Our Time, We Are Proper Stewards For God.*
- *(Eph 5:15-17 NIV) Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, (16) making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (17) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*
- *We Are Called To Be Good Opportunity Managers*

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## *We Make The Most Of Our Time Because*

- *We Don't Have Much Of It*
- *It Goes By So Quickly*
- *We Won't Get A Second Chance At It*
- *Because Time Can Only Be Used Once*
- *We Want To Invest It For Eternity*



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- **(Eph. 5:16 NIV)** making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil