

Stewardship: Redeeming Time | Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Walking In Wisdom

- "The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away." (Psalm 90:10)
- * Walking in wisdom is prerequisite for redeeming time –
 - a. Look carefully
 - b. The Christian faith
 - c. Walking wisely

Redeeming Time

- * Making the most of the time
- * Fallen nature of our world
- * Understanding the will of God

The Fight of Time

- * There are three obstacles in the fight with time:
 1. Laziness
 - a. "As you study the sluggard throughout Proverbs you will see that he is a man who refused to begin new ventures, a man who will not finish what he has begun, a man who will not face reality, and through it all, a man who is restless, helpless, and useless. His life is chaotic because his soul is chaotic." (Tim Challies)
 - b. "The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth." (Proverbs 26:15)
 - c. "As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed." (Proverbs 26:14)
 2. Busyness
 3. Thorns and Thistles

How Do We Steward Our Time?

- * We steward our time by understanding the will of the Lord;
 - a. The sovereignty of God;
 - b. The mission of the church;
 - c. The enjoyment of God's gifts

Benediction | 1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.