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 STEWARDSHIP IN OUR LIVES
- 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 Good Stewards Of Our Time

• *Time Is Important To Us*
(Eph 5:15 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.
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1. What Does God Say About Time?

2. What We Can Do To Make The Most Of Our Time?
WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT TIME:

• God Made Time and Rules Over It

• Each person has a brief life span of time

• Our Life Span is 70 – 80 Years

• Our Life Has an Appointed Ending

• God Acts & We Serve Him in the Realm of Time
WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT TIME:

• 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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• **Stewardship Is All About Finding Out What God Values And Then Planning And Working Towards The Fulfillment Of That Value**

• *(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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- Moses And Joshua Led The Children Of Israel
- David And Solomon And The Temple
- Nehemiah The Rebuilding Of The Walls
- Jesus In His Life

- 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
WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR TIME

• 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
HOW TO MANAGE YOURSELF WITHIN YOUR TIME:

• Establish Priorities

• Take A Time Inventory
  • Time Is A Gift
  • Time Is Irreplaceable

• Budget Time
HOW TO MANAGE YOURSELF WITHIN YOUR TIME:

• Get Rid Of Time Wasters

• Implement A Plan And Stick To It

• (Isa 32:8 NIV) But the noble man makes noble plans, and by noble deeds he stands.
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU 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
• When We Are Properly Managing Our Time, We Are Proper Stewards For God.

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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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