

Daily Bread

25/05/2020

REDEEMING TIME (PART 1)

Ephesians 5:16 (KJV)

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

One thing that God gives everyone with the same measure is time. Everyone rich, poor, slave and free, male or female are given the same amount of time. God gives us all the same hours in our days and same days in our weeks and same weeks in our months. If it is a Monday, it is so to both rich and poor, it's a Monday for everyone. The difference will only come on how we use the time we have. God doesn't give us money; he gives us time which is all we need to make money. God doesn't give us fame but he gives us time to make ourselves famous.

In the above scripture, Paul is saying, redeem the time, which means make proper use of time. No one can recover lost time, and no one has a guarantee of tomorrow. Make use of the time you have now. Do something with your time. They say time is money, which means, anything that wastes your time wastes your money. If you can't allow anyone to waste your money, then you can't allow anything/anyone to waste your time. Plan how you want to use your time in a day or weekly. This will help you. Do not let a day go by without doing anything that moves you ahead or that moves someone ahead. Jesus said in *John 9:4 (KJV)*. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

It is too dangerous to have plenty of time that you don't use in life. Such time will work against you...Here are the dangers of having unused time.

1. Unused time will flow towards your negatives.

All time that you don't use will go to feed your weakness or any negative behavior in your life. They say, "an idle mind is the devil's workshop." Each time you have days that you say you have nothing to do, in those days you will discover you will be busy doing things that you don't want to do. Unused time will always express itself in your weak areas. For example, chances of

cheating on your spouse is very high if you always have unused time at hand, weaknesses such as flirting and sometimes crime happens. Some people have so much unused time at hand. Starve your weaknesses by not giving them too much time. Busy people are less likely to fall into temptation. Some things are not for prayer, they only go by denying them our time.

2. Unused time surrenders itself to emergencies. Attending quickly to emergencies doesn't mean you care but it means you have too much free time in your hands. No one ever became someone important by attending to emergencies...It is not a crime to be unavailable. You can't be everywhere, you can't solve everything, you can't attend to everything. A productive person is not always available. As I said above that availability doesn't mean concern at all but it means idleness. If you have never asked to be excused because you are busy, then you haven't started to manage your time very well. Ladies do not always be available, be busy with something. Find something to do with your time, if you don't you will be a busy body/a professional gossiper (**1 Timothy 5:13**). It's dangerous to marry an idle person. All emergency services are for people employed to do that; you can't be as quick as an ambulance in attending to emergencies....it shows you have a lot of unused time at hand. After every day, check what productive thing have you done with the time you had which is not emergencies.

We continue tomorrow.... Hallelujah

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REDEEMING TIME (PART 2)

Ecclesiastes 9:11 (KJV)

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but **TIME** and **CHANCE (OPPORTUNITY)** happeneth to them all.

Looking at our scripture for today, it tells us that under the sun, there are two things that happens to everyone regardless of strength, color, education, strength, these two are **TIME AND OPPORTUNITY**. Your opportunities are hidden in time. If you miss your time you might as well miss your opportunities. Many people regretting today are people who allowed certain times to pass not knowing that the opportunities they were waiting for are also passing away with the time. There are some opportunities that may never come your way again because they were hidden in the time that you wasted. Some people could be happily married by now had they not wasted their time with wrong people. Never allow someone to date you for more than four (4) years without marrying you, he/she is wasting your time.

1 Chronicles 12:32 (KJV)

And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the **TIMES**, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

Look at the above scripture, you find a tribe in Israel that was highly gifted by God. Their gifting was only to understand **TIMES**. You can also tap into the same grace to understand what time you are in and what need to be done in that time. Do not forget ***Ephesians 5:16 (KJV)***"

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." It is true, the days have become very evil, if you don't redeem your time you will suffer.

Never allow anything to steal your time...I will explain some **thieves** of time in series, today let us just do one.

1. Procrastination.

This is the oldest thief of time; it is an action of delaying or postponing a task. Procrastinating keep telling you that there is still plenty of time in the future to do your task. Brother/sister, tomorrow is never guaranteed to anyone. If you need to do something do it now. The best time to do that thing you want to accomplish is now. Do you know you have enough time today to do all those things that you are scheduling for tomorrow? Can I challenge you? Try to do right now that thing that you are scheduling to do tomorrow, you will see you can do it and still remain with time to spare. Successful people do today what unsuccessful people will do tomorrow, that's their difference. Never have a habit of postponing tasks, do them right away disregarding your feelings.

If you want to pray, pray right there and right now, procrastination will tell you, you can pray tomorrow and it's still nice or just pray when you get home, but you will find out when you get home there will no more time for that and you have missed an important meeting with the Holy Spirit. If you are planning to fast, why not start now than next week? This is how time is stolen from most of us. You have a business plan, why not start this year? You have a fiancée, why not marry now? You want to go outside the nation for opportunities, why not go now?. ***Deal Ruthlessly with Procrastination.*** Let's continue tomorrow.

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REDEEMING TIME (PART 3)

Ephesians 5:16 (KJV)

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

We are talking about time. If you don't manage your time well, you are already mismanaging your life. Your life will turn out exactly the way you invested your time. What you do with your time now determine what you will become tomorrow, there is no miracle there.

Most people always complain of not having enough time, but the time that you have is the same time all great people including Jesus himself had. People that we read about in history as having great impact had the same time as you have today, same 24 hours daily. Where did they get the time to do so much? Let us look into how these heroes redeem their time. My hero is Jesus, I always learn from him, I have studied how he was able to redeem his time to accomplish his assignment.

1. Jesus made use of the night time **Mark 4:35** says "Same day when the evening had come Jesus said to them, let us pass over to the other side."

Look now, Jesus had spent the whole day working and teaching but when night had come, instead of going home to sleep, He told his disciples that they should sail to the other side of the sea. He made sure that they had to travel during the night. I discovered that the best time to make progress is during the night. How do you use your night time? What you do between 1800hrs/6:00pm and 0600hrs/6:00am is what makes the difference. All successful person takes advantage of this time to be very productive. Most people switch off during this time and get

entertained by very funny TV programs (not bad to watch tv). For example, if you watch six soapies every night, and then a soccer match later that same night, that's about five hours of watching something that can never change your life in any way.

You see, that's where most of your time is hidden in. Some goes to pubs and spend four hours chatting to friends and drinking beer, nothing wrong in socializing but look at the time being wasted, imagine if all that time could be put into something productive. If you want to beat your competitors, you have to work during the time that they are all relaxing, which is night time. There is so much noise during the day, make use of the night to improve your life. You can study up to PHD level but just utilizing night hours. In our household, since February 2020 we have now studied together 98% of the New Testament word by word between 7-9pm. You make a difference by how you use your evening time because during the day everyone else is also trying.

2. Jesus worked while hungry. *John 4:31-38*. His disciples compelled him to eat, because Jesus had not eaten anything the whole day but he refused because he was focusing on something special...He wanted the whole city of Samaria to come to salvation. He was focused on something big. If you can't postpone eating or delay it then you aren't ready for success. My dad used to tell us that a hungry body is the most productive one. If you cannot ignore hunger, then you can't redeem your time. We all need to eat, with family together, and our bodies need food to function well but if you don't discipline your body in the area of food, you will always spend time on unnecessary food and tea breaks.

For your own information, successful people don't eat that much, they don't spend time on food as unsuccessful people will do. If you feel you are running out of time, then redeem that time from your lunch breaks, delay eating until the required target is met. Your behavior towards food has an impact on both your time and your money...If you can't save time, you can't save money. The money you spend on food is equivalent to the time you spend on food. Do not make your belly to be your God, learn to deny it for the sake of accomplishing that target.....Hallelujah Hallelujah!!!!!!!!!!!!

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