

Don't Waste Your Year Notes

Ephesians 5:15-18

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Main Point: Since our time on earth is limited, let's make the most of the time we have left.

Live Wisely (Ephesians 5:15)

1. The word "carefully" means to be skillful and to be on _____, to look very closely so as not to stumble.
2. It has the idea of exactness, precision, and _____.
3. We are commanded to continually pay attention to how we're _____ (Hebrews 3:12).

Leverage Your Time (Ephesians 5:16)

1. This is also translated as "_____ the time" and has the idea of buying up a bargain.
2. There are two Greek words for time.
 - Chronos which is quantitative time and refers to the passing of moments, days, months, years, decades, and centuries. It's how we _____ time.
 - Kairos refers to qualitative time. It's the idea of an opportune moment, also translated as "the appointed time, a fixed, or special occasion." It refers to a period of opportunity which is open for a while and then _____ (Colossians 4:5).
3. Only God knows the number of days we have left, but we are called to live with an acute sense of a _____ (Psalm 90:12).
4. To number means to "_____ " or "measure" our moments so we live them for God's glory and for the good of others.
5. We are to redeem the time (Psalm 39:4-5).
6. God has been teaching me that life is...
 - Fast.
 - Fragile
 - Futile apart from Christ
 - Final
7. Let's use the time we have left to make a mark for the _____.
8. Paul urges us to take advantage of the opportunities "because the days are _____."
9. Wasting the gift of time insults the giver of time.
10. You are God's workmanship to do His _____ in the world (Ephesians 2:10).

Learn God's Will (Ephesians 5:17)

1. In Proverbs, the fool is the one who doesn't follow God's ways. He's the one who knows the right thing to do but instead does the _____, or simply does nothing (Proverbs 1:32).
2. The "will of the Lord" is primarily focused on _____, and less on location.
 - We tend to lock in on where God wants us and what He wants us to do, while God is all about _____ we're becoming.

3. The word “understand” carries the idea of assembling facts into an organized whole, like putting pieces of a puzzle together.
 - We understand the will of God by _____, meditating, memorizing, studying, and applying the Word of God.
 - If you want to know God’s will, then do the will of God you already know.
 - God wants you to be saved (2 Peter 3:9).
 - God wants you to _____ (Romans 12:2).
 - God wants you to sanctified and to avoid immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3).
 - God wants you to give _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
 - God wants you to live a good life (1 Peter 2:15).
 - God wants you to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8).
 - God want you to delight in doing His will (Psalm 40:8).
 - God wants you to be a _____ disciple who makes other disciples among your neighbors and the nations (Luke 9:23, Matthew 28:18-20).

Lean into the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

1. If you try to make changes or live the Christian life in the power of your own flesh, you’ll _____.
2. This verse is helping us see the ultimate issue is _____. Who is running my life? Is it me or the Holy Spirit?
3. This command means “to be filled constantly” or “to keep on being filled.”
 - How can I give more of me to Him?
 - As the Holy Spirit fills you with His fuel, he will give you fruit and help you lead a fulfilled life.

Redeeming the Time

1. Read your _____ every day.
 - Find a Bible and set it out.
 - Use a Bible reading plan.
 - Determine what time you will read.
 - Sit in one place.
 - Pray for insight and application.
2. Enemies of time
 - Anxiety about the _____.
 - _____ about the past.
3. At the end of this short life, we will all stand before God (Hebrews 9:27).