

Message Series: Time Well Spent

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Key Scriptures:

Psalm 90:12 [AMPLIFIED]

So teach us to number our days,
That we may cultivate and bring to You a heart of wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 3: 3 & 11 [AMPLIFIED]

A Time for Everything

3 There is a season (a time appointed) for everything and a time for every delight and event or purpose under heaven

11 He has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]

Message Summary

Time Well Spent? is part two of the Time Well Spent Series, it sounds like the same title, but it's a question. Am I spending my time well? A message about time wasting, about re-orientating time so that I spend my time with the end in mind, with eternity in mind. Living each day as the gift that it is. What would I want said about me at my funeral, what would I want my Eulogy to be? How am I living towards that aim, living for eternity. Learning to number my days, not waste them.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Give yourself to other people. Give your time to other people, even when sometimes it feels as though you are wasting it! Really listen to them, why not give them, not just your time, but your attention, your affection, the gift of your curiosity about them.

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

This message speaks to the heart of us, it's about generosity. Not just being generous with money, but also with our time! Giving time to God first and then others.

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

Treat time as a gift, not a possession and we'll waste less! Focus on Kairos time, time pregnant with purpose and learn to live, learn to give of our gifts and abilities from that place.

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

Recognising that God places us in situations, often feeling like interruptions into 'our day', 'our time', that are the very conversations, circumstances he wants us to pay full attention to and give of ourselves, give of our time, even if we feel we are wasting it!

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

Give yourself first to God then to others.

Maybe stop right now as you read this and give yourself – your breath, your health or sickness, your thoughts, your intents, all of who you are – and your time too.

Acknowledge that every moment you receive is a gift.

Resolve not to turn time into a possession.

What we receive as a gift we must be willing to impart as a gift.

Invite God to direct your path, to lead you in the way everlasting