

# LOST TIME IS NEVER FOUND

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“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” {Ephesians 5:15,16}

One of the more basic decisions we make in our lives is how we are going to use our time. Each person can set his priorities and decide how he will use every moment of every day. In making these choices, we must consider many factors – our jobs, the family’s needs, rest, personal responsibilities, and of course our duties to God. The key to making the right choices is learning the value of time and diligently trying not to WASTE it. Below are a couple of warnings to heed:

**Determine what is most important.** “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” {Matthew 6:33} God’s people need to understand that He must come first. Too many try to shortchange God, planning to catch up later. This time-planning method is a disaster waiting to happen. Never postpone spiritual endeavors. Take care of those things first, and the other things will fit into your schedule properly.

**Pray for wisdom.** “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” {James 1:5} God’s help is invaluable when it comes to making wise decisions regarding how to use our time. God knows we have personal-relationship duties and that we need to rest and provide for our families. All this, we must do without forgetting Him. God can help us learn how to juggle the different areas in our lives. Including God in the decision-making process helps us make better – not worse – decisions.

Time is fleeting, and what we lose today cannot be retrieved tomorrow. If the Lord wills, we have 24 hours each day. Each individual determines how he will use those hours. Life is full of challenges and choices that must be made every day. One will always be juggling to squeeze everything needed to be accomplished in a day. Yet, with God’s help, we can choose wisely. Just include Him in the proper place in your daily schedule or one will have all eternity to regret their mistakes! \*\*\*