

Invest Your Time

Ephesians 5:15-17

Our time is the most valuable resource we have been given, because it is irreplaceable and limited. God calls us to use our time in ways that honor Him and further His purposes in the world.

Our Time is short

Lord, make me to know my end, and what is the extent of my days. Let me know how transient I am. Behold, you have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime as nothing in your sight. Surely every man at his best is a mere breath.

—Psalm 39:4-5

Our time is a delegated resource

For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

—Romans 14:7-9

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

—Romans 13:11-12

Our time has a purpose

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:18-20

And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

—Matthew 22:37-40

Application

- Make a list of your values (e.g. knowing Jesus, loving your family, participating in church).
- Track how you use your time this week.
- Does your use of your time reflect your values?