

REDEEMING THE TIME

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Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:15-16; Colossians 4:5

Theme: Being Productive in This Generation

INTRODUCTION

We live in a fast, connected, and distracted generation. Busyness is not productivity. Productivity in God's kingdom is measured by eternal fruit.

"The greatest tragedy is not death; it is life without purpose." -Adrian Rogers

I. WALK CAREFULLY: LIVE WITH SPIRITUAL AWARENESS | EPHESIANS 5:15

(Ephesians 5:15- "See then that you walk circumspectly...")

The word circumspectly means accurately, precisely, carefully as if walking on a narrow path with danger on both sides.

1. A Careful Life Is Not Accidental
2. A Careful Life guards Against Distraction
3. A Careful Life Examines Priorities

Key Truths:

- Be intentional; avoid drifting.
- Guard time against distractions.
- Schedule reflects true devotion.

Practical Applications: - Identify time wasters. - Schedule daily Bible reading and prayer. - Ask: Does this honor God or distract me?

"Show me your schedule, and I will show you your true god." "Satan does not need to destroy your faith if he can distract your focus."

Reflection:

II. WALK WISELY: THINK WITH ETERNAL DISCERNMENT | EPHESIANS 5:15

(Ephesians 5:15- “Not as fools but as wise...”)

There are only two ways to live: a) Foolish, b) Wise.

The fool lives for now. The wise live for eternity.

1. Wisdom Understands the Value of Time
2. Wisdom Recognizes the Nature of the Days
3. Wisdom Chooses What Matters Most

Key Truths:

- Live as wise, not foolish; focus on eternal outcomes.
- Time is irreplaceable.
- Evil days demand urgency.

Practical Applications: - Prioritize activities with eternal value. - Limit entertainment that consumes time. - Weekly evaluation: Am I investing in eternity?

“A life built on temporary applause will collapse under eternal evaluation.”

Reflection:

III. REDEEM THE TIME: SEIZE EVERY GOD-GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

EPH 5:16 | COL4:5

(Ephesians 5:16; Colossians 4:5- “Redeeming the time...”)

The word redeem means to buy up, to seize, to rescue from waste.

1. Redeem Your Personal Growth
2. Redeem Your Relationships
3. Redeem Your Calling

Key Truths:

- Time is a gift; invest it wisely.
- Every moment holds opportunity.
- Immediate obedience matters more than intention.

Practical Applications: - Redeem personal growth: Daily prayer, Bible study, holiness. - Redeem relationships: Encourage, forgive, witness. - Redeem your calling: Serve intentionally; do not bury your gifts. - Recognize divine appointments.

“What you call ordinary, God calls opportunity.”

Reflection:

ACTION STEPS

1. Walk carefully: audit your schedule.
2. Walk wisely: prioritize eternal matters.
3. Redeem the time: seize every opportunity.
4. Act now: obey God immediately.

“Only one life, ’twill soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will last.”

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord, help me walk carefully, avoiding distractions.
- Give me wisdom to value my time for eternal impact.
- Teach me to seize every divine opportunity today.
- May my life bear fruit that lasts forever.

Personal Reflection: