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Prioritizing Your Day God's Way

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Eccl 3:1,2 NIV)

Time is a valuable gift that God has given to you. What you do with it will determine the outcome of your life. You can reminisce about the things God has already done in the past, or you can daydream about the future...but what really matters is TODAY!

What are you doing with your time today? God has given each of us an equal amount of time, so it's up to us to use our time wisely because we will never have those moments to spend again.

Let your prayer be, "teach us to number our days that we may present to You a heart of wisdom" (Ps 90:12).

The Hebrew word for number means "to weigh out, to appoint, and to prepare."

Psalms 90:12 is suggesting that we ask God to teach us how to weigh out and prepare our day. When we do, He will give us wisdom concerning it. Wisdom is the knowledge and the ability to make the right choices at the opportune times. When we ask God to teach us how to prepare our day, He will give us the ability to make the right choice at the right time.

Ephesians 5:15 tells us to "be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise making the most of your time because the days are evil."

In this verse, the Greek meaning for wise means one who knows how to regulate his course in view of the movements of God.

God is moving in your life. Keep His movements in full view so that you can follow Him. Then your days will be well with you.

So let's invite God into our days, for He already sees and knows everything that will come into our lives. He has a plan, and if we ask Him, He will guide us and lead us with His eye upon us.

"I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8 AMP)

I have found that the days can slip by and I still have not taken time to be with God. How about you? Are you taking time to be with God daily?

Every morning ask yourself, "What is the most important thing that God wants me to do today?"

I always have a whole list of things that I am going to do, but recently when I asked myself this question, God showed me two specific things that I sometimes neglected. When, at the end of the day, these two things were left undone, I felt like I didn't accomplish much at all even though I was busy all the time. For me those two things were my time with God and exercise. I

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kept putting them off all day, trying to get to them "later", but "later" never came. God may show you something different than He showed me, but if you ask Him, He will show you His plan for your day.

It's tempting to start your day at full speed doing all things that must be done, but strive to put God first, for then "all these other things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). It is God's will that we order our days according to His plans for us and take time to spend with Him.

How does God want you to spend the time He has given you today? Ask Him and He will show you.

Once He does, keep focused on the work God has given you to do, not on the work you have chosen to do. As you prioritize your day God's way, He will bless the work of your hands.

I have found that when I take time with God and He reveals His will for my day, I write these things down to help me stay on task. I have discovered a wonderful tool to help me do this. I started using a day planner. I know what you're saying, "Forget it, I tried doing that and it doesn't work." Ah, but you haven't tried the one I found. I never used a day planner before until I tried one by The Busy Woman®. It revolutionized my life and helped me to become more organized, and I learned how to keep my priorities in order...even my time with God.

In this planner designed especially for women, you can prioritize your to-do list to help you do all those important things God is calling you to do. You can customize your planner by adding only the helps and pages you need to fit your lifestyle. In addition to the calendar and daily planning pages, there are journaling and prayer pages, menu planning, and so much more that you can add. It is an all in one tool to keep you organized and stay on task for the things God wants you to do. For more information about the Busy Woman planner, go to www.thebusywoman.com and tell her know that you found her site through Garden of the Heart Ministries. Then when you order, she will give you a free gift.

Time management secret: Take time to pray, or you will be praying for more time.

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