



MIGHTY MEN OF GOD

Mid-Week Bible Study – The Leadership Void

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Week Eight: “Time Is Of the Essence.”

We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end. - Seneca

I. Time From Our Perspective

A. We tend to think of time as a _____ (Psalm 39:4-5)

- We think we own it
- My time belongs to ME
- Time is a gift from God
- He is our source of life
- He is to be our means and reason for life

B. We tend to use it for our _____

- We spend time with ourselves in mind
- Even our work has a self-centered motive
- Our FREE time is for our benefit

C. We tend to reserve it for our _____ (Psalm 39:6)

- We use our available time to accomplish our agenda
- We spend time, like money on our wishes
- God has a reason for our existence
- He has a purpose for our life

II. The Leader and Time

- Why is this issue of time so important to us as leaders? (Ephesians 5:16-17)

A. The _____ of our leadership depends on what we do during time

B. Time is a _____

- IT IS A NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE!

C. Time can be _____

D. Wise use of time requires setting _____

E. Time can become a _____

II. Learning To _____ Our Days (Psalm 90:12)

A. This is a meditation and a prayer

- Vs 12-17 are a prayer
 - ... that he would make his life more meaningful
 - ... that God would establish the work of his hands
 - ... that his life would count for God
 - ... that it might have eternal value
 - ... for an increased awareness of the value and purpose of his time

B. Wise use of our time

- Numbering our days includes evaluating where and how we spend our days
- If we are too busy for God, then we need to ask why?
- If we do not have enough time for His agenda, we are too busy

FOUR REASONS YOU AND I ARE TOO BUSY:

1. People may stay busy because of their _____
2. People may stay busy as a cover up for _____
3. People may stay busy because of _____
4. People may stay busy because they are more concerned about pleasing _____ rather than _____

III. Faithful Stewards of God's Resource

- What have you done with the time you have been given so far?
- What do you plan to do with the time you have left?
- A leader makes the most of every opportunity

IV. God's Perspective On Time

A. We must understand _____ as Christians

- We are children of God
- We are citizens of heaven
- We are exiles, sojourners and aliens here
- We are eternal creatures, not temporal

B. We must comprehend _____

- We live in a time of darkness
- We live in evil days
- This world's time is limited
- We are tempted to live *for the moment*
- But we are to rescue the time God has given us

C. We must respond to the question of _____

- We are ambassadors of Christ
- We are on a mission for Him
- We are to be busy making disciples
- We are here to represent the Savior
- We are here to glorify God
- We are here to enjoy God *forever!*