



## 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!*