

MAKING TIME FOR WHAT'S IMPORTANT Father's Day / June 15, 2014

Ephesians 5:15-16a (Phillips NT) *“Live life with a due sense of responsibility, not as people who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. ¹⁶Make the best use of your time...”*

Three Barriers To Making Time...

Unclear VALUES

Unrealistic EXPECTATIONS

Un-sustained ENERGY

To Make Time For The Important...

1. LINE up your priorities.

Your life will be SHAPED by your priorities or by your pressures.

Proverbs 17:24 (GNT) *“An intelligent person aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions.”*

Proverbs 12:11b (GNT) *“It is stupid to waste time on useless projects.”*

Ecclesiastes 8:6 (GNT) *“There is a right time and a right way to do everything, but we know so little.”*

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) *“We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.”*

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2. LIGHTEN up your attitude.

Proverbs 12:25a (NIV) *“Anxiety weighs down the heart.”*

Proverbs 14:30a (GW) *“A tranquil heart makes for a healthy body.”*

From God's perspective, your
big problems aren't that big.

Proverbs 17:22 (GNT) *“Being cheerful keeps you healthy. It is a slow death to be gloomy all the time.”*

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3. LOOK up to God.

Proverbs 10:27 (TLB) *“Reverence for God adds hours to each day.”*

Proverbs 14:26 (TLB) *“Reverence for God gives a man deep strength. His children have a place of refuge and security.”*

Ask God for strength to do what really matters when
the world is pushing things that don't matter.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (TLB) *“Trust the Lord completely... ⁶In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success.”*

1 Timothy 6:21a (TLB) *“Some people have missed the most important thing in life -- they don't know God.”*

You were made for a relationship with God.

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WHAT are you living for?

More importantly...

WHO are you living for?

Psalms 90:12 (TLB) *“Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.”*