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WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT?

TOPIC:

IS IT YOUR TIME OR GOD'S TIME?

Well this is a set-up by God! "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was" James 1:23-24. God will make the mirror clearer for those who are looking intently; those who have put their time in God's perfect time or time He has given us. "To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven" Eccl.3:1.

Before time existed, He was! Col.1:16 "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all

things he might have the preeminence. 19. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.

Well that caps it all right there. Time was created by Him and for His use. Because, time was made by Him, He allows us to exist in it but He still has the preeminence and control of time; and first place in our lives where we are to give Him glory. And where it says, "In Him all fullness dwell"—the word dwell indicates permanent residence, not just a temporary visit. Does that sound like us, we may visit Him one day, skip two days, come back a week later, on Sunday? Is it like that looking glass?

He is not on our time schedule. We are to schedule our time around Him. What's more important when we begin to balance our time. When we live in a continuous lifestyle of Worship, we show forth His glory. He's not suspended or encased by time. He has no beginning and end. For us time has a beginning and an ending. Time is a point and has a location.

Time's location is present and it cannot be recaptured because Time had a past, and it's gone. Time has a present, and it's now. And Time has a future, and it will be. All we have to know is that It exist with or without us. What are we doing with the time God has given us. What's more important?

Ps. 90:10 says "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength, they be fourscore years... (v12) "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Time must be prioritized. We all have the same amount of time.

BALANCING TIME

Someone said "He who master the minutes will master a life." The Word says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33

Our priority must start with God. We have time for everything else without missing a beat,



Special points of interest:

- GOD HAS NO BEGINNING AND NO END!
- TIME HAS A PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.
- THERE IS A COST
- A BAD STEWARD TAKES WHAT BELONGS TO GOD AND USES IT FOR SELFISH GAIN. A GOOD STEWARD RECOGNIZES GOD'S OWNERSHIP AND SUBMITS.

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because what we do is either a "must" or something we "like" which gives us pleasure. Consequently, what we do on a consistent basis, became a habit. This is what motivates us or masters us instead of we mastering it. Imagine for a moment what it would be like if you were as disciplined in having a daily quiet time as you are in never missing a meal?

Or serving others as you are in getting up and going to work?

Or in attending church as to watching that favorite TV show?

Or developing a consistent prayer life as to getting that three mile walk. We are creatures of habit.

Now some of the excuses that may come up are: I work all the time, I don't have time for anything else, I don't have time to make it to that church meeting, I've got too much to do, I don't have time for myself, I have to be everybody's chauffeur, there's just not enough hours in the day for me to get all that I need to do, done , and I need rest! But do we know that that rest is in God?

How do I fit the relationship with my family — mate, children, parents; church, vocation, friends, vacation, and other things

in my time schedule. We always need wisdom in making choices. We sit down to consult God on some things and not on other things and the other things are the ones that will overburden us. We go past the capacity and limitations that we have strength to do. John 15:5 says "Without Me you can do nothing." Like Martha, it's easy to become so busy serving Jesus that we spend no time with Him. We have to maintain an intimate personal relationship with God. There are things that certainly come up, which we get stressed out about, and try to do them in our own strength instead of taking a Jesus break and calling on Him. That's maintaining sanctity. You can begin to praise Him. You can begin to read a verse and meditate on it. You can say a prayer that you carry with you that connects you with Him. You can play your favorite CD. All I want you to do is keep the connection, allow God to fill your time at some time in your busy life on a consistent basis!

And if you feel that God has forgotten you in your troubles, remember that God has a time schedule that we can't see; nor can we figure out!

When you ask God should

I do this or that and don't get an answer right away, and you began to do your own thing, ask yourself: Is this thing going to bog me down; make me more sluggish; or stress me out?— where all I will to do is just come home and go to bed, and the quality time for God is missed? You noticed I said quality time, because sometimes we have to sit and be still in that secret place of the Most High. *Is. 30:15, "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."*

You might be crying out after the fact, '*I get really disappointed with myself. I spend more time doing other things than I do with God*'— such as going to the movies, on the computer, hanging out with friends, overtime at work, traveling, shopping, watching TV, and even so called Jesus work (without connecting with Him), etc. It's like I'm short changing God for all He has done for me. God has allowed us to do all we've wanted by our choice.

We know the story about the rich farmer in *Luke 12* who thought he

had all the time to "*take his ease and eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee.*" God called him a fool. The fool was saying, '*Have a good day and a good tomorrow*' and the rest is history.

There are people that are in the trenches of life that are needing you. You who spend the time with God. You who say Jesus is Lord. You who are not counterfeit Christians. You who have a word of encouragement. The Soulsh things—whatever weighs you down, stresses you out, have to be taken off so God's truth can be practiced; so His peace can overwhelm you by you *Laying aside every weight.*

If you get happy, composed, and tranquil (meaning settled; not progressing) where you are, you'll never get to where you need to be. There are going to be sacrifices and there is a cost to get in that quiet place with God. And the cost is: I must prioritize my time ; make the sacrifice , surrender my will to Him .

My constant flow of God comes by telling others (not keeping Him to myself)! Every thing is shaped according to

PRAYER:

Thank You Lord and Praise Your wonderful Name! We are in this world but not of this world, so as I discipline my time with you, Your Will be done in me as it is in heaven. For I am Your workmanship, Your creation, Your vessel to be used for Your glory. Prepare this day as a refreshing and spiritual time of closeness and joy!

Forgive me when I stretched my time in

other things; when my work came first instead of You; when my quiet time was television time; when my friends was put over You; when my shopping gave me more joy than You. Lord forgive me!

You are always faithful, near, and on time—on top of time, before time, and even after time has stopped for us. We are on borrowed time and seemingly trying to escape You who made time! My God!

There are so many things that we seem to want to complete, but just can't, because of our bodies, or our desires. Help us to get back to our first desire—seeking You first! Things will be left when we're dead and gone; unfinished.

So as I am refreshed in Your Love and Your Presence; not just slowing down, but coming to You when I'm heavy laden—pushing myself too much—taking on too many responsibilities, I have to remem-

ber, my times are in Your hands and they are always complete in the hands of the Lord. I Rest and know that You're my "Handler", my "Weight Vacuumer" and "Fuel Examiner."

I want and need that quality time with You Lord. As David said, "Don't take Your Spirit from me. Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you" Ps.51:11-12 NLT. Thank you Lord as I give you my Time! **Amen!**

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"His Will." There is no time to get depressed or stagnate when the flow is constant, because your spiritual muscles are being toned, molded and shaped. The mind is being transformed and renewed with joy, and wow the fruit is coming forth. Without expression of God's Word to someone else, He's not receiving glory from you. There are too many blessings not to express. Be a bearer of Good News about Jesus!

There are so many ways to live the lifestyle of worship where your time is always a God time; a God moment; having the mindset of a manager or steward rather than an owner. A bad steward takes what belongs to God and uses it for their

on selfish end. A good steward recognizes God's ownership and submits to it. "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corth. 10:31b)

If God is being side stepped alot, now is the time to repent and apply this message. (Eph.5:15-17) says "See then that ye walk (how you live) **circumspectly (cautiously), not as fools but as those who are wise. Redeeming (make the most of every opportunity for doing good but don't leave God out; you can do more today because of what you knew or learned on yesterday,) the time, (why)because the days are evil.**" Today you have a chance to do better. We can be doing a good thing but does it have eternal

value. By

eternal value I mean is your time spent for the building of the kingdom. It can be done. "Wherefore be ye not unwise (don't act thoughtlessly), but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Understand that the opportunity to witness will pass,

- the opportunity to show diligence will pass,
- the opportunity to speak will pass,
- the opportunity to love will pass,
- the opportunity to minister will pass,
- the opportunity to work hard will pass,
- the opportunity to pray will pass,
- the opportunity to give will pass

(Heb. 12:1-2) Therefore lay aside every weight and sin which so easily beset you

and run with patience the race that is set before you, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

(Phil. 1:6) Being confident of this very thing that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform (complete) it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Now back to the question: Is it your time or God's time that will be more important in your life today and forever?

God Bless

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LEARNING HEALING SCRIPTURES

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

My MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

My VISION: Articles to be written in a Book FOR 2010 to inspire others.

1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK
I SHALL NOT DIE, BUT LIVE, AND DECLARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD.	HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE CHASTISEMENT FOR OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM, AND BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.	FINALLY, MY BRETHREN, BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT.	FOR I WILL RESTORE HEALTH TO YOU AND HEAL YOU OF YOUR WOUNDS,' SAYS THE LORD.
PSALM 118:17	ISAIAH 53:5	EPHESIANS 6:10	JEREMIAH 30:17

Meditate on these for 30 days. Get them into your heart.

IT CAN HAPPEN !

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him?
Matthew 7:11b

My MISSION: Use the God-given gifts for His glory!

My VISION: Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them!

"We all have our time machines. Some take us back, they're called memories. Some take us forward, they're called dreams."
Jeremy Irons

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Dates to Remember - August 2010
AUGUST 23 First Day of HISD School

This Quiz: Epistle of James

- 1.) The trial of your faith worketh... a. great work. b. out our salvation. c. patience. d. righteousness.
- 2.) A double minded man... a. will not have an inheritance with the righteous. b. is a thorn in the side of his wife c. does not know whereof he asks. d. is unstable in all his ways.
- 3.) Every good gift and every perfect gift is... a. but heaping up wealth for other people to spend. b. from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights. c. for the edification of the righteous. d. acceptable.
- 4.) Be ye doers of the word and... a. not hearers only. b. you will not be deceived by the wicked. c. you will have many friends. d. continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.
- 5.) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, ... a. he is guilty of all. b. should bring two doves to the temple as a sin offering. c. should ask the priest to pray

for his salvation. d. should pray for forgiveness.

- 6.) Faith without works... a. is like golden apples without a silver bowl to rest in. b. is dead, being alone. c. rises to God, like a sweet savor as it rests. d. is a testimony to God our Saviour.
- 7.) Out of the same mouth proceedeth... a. a piercing sword and gall. b. the snarl of a vicious dog and the sweet coo of a dove. c. unfailing love and faithfulness. d. blessing and cursing.
- 8.) Where envy and strife is... a. there also lurks murder and fornication. b. there is no rest. c. there is confusion and every evil work. d. there is famine and distress.
- 9.) Resist the devil and... a. God will soften the earth with showers. b. he will flee from you. c. do not be deceived by his evil work. d. everything you do will prosper.
- 10.) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall... a. hear your prayer. b. lift you up. c. set you free. d. rescue you from your cruel oppressors.
- 11.) For what is your life? It is... a. a sacrifice to the Most High God. b. all vanity. c. even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. d. more than food, and the body is more than raiment.
- 12.) The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man... a. availeth much. b. is a sweet savor. c. covers a multitude of sins. d. will turn God's wrath.