

SERMON OUTLINE

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Wasting My Time

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- I. What Is "Wasting Time"?
 - A. **What we think about** (from "Here and Now" perspective):
 1. Being lazy: **Prov 12:11,24,27; 13:4; 14:23; 21:25-26**
 2. Benefits: **Prov 27:23-27**: Productivity else bad results.
 - B. **What God considers** (another way to look at it):
 1. Examples: **Luke 10:38-42** - Mary - Wasting time???
 2. **Luke 12:16-21** - Hard worker but foolish (wasted time)
 3. **Matthew 19:21** - "sell possessions" - wasted time?
 - C. **The Point**: Live for What Is Important: **Mark 8:36**
- II. How Does God Want Me to Use My Time?
 - A. **Ephesians 5:15-17** - How WALK: Making most of your time
 1. **Eph 4:1** - Walk worthy calling (humility, patience, unity)
 2. **Eph 4:17** - Walk NOT like Gentiles (hard heart, lust)
 3. **Eph 4:22-24** - Life - new self
 4. **Eph 5:2** - Walk in love (as Jesus gave self)
 5. **Eph 5:8** - Walk as children of light
 - B. Getting Control of My Desires (Living for the Right Thing)
 1. **Ephesians 4:18-19** - Hardness (I have a better way)
 2. **Ephesians 4:25-32** - Lie, steal, tear down, angry
 3. **Ephesians 5:3-4** - immorality, impurity, greed
 4. Are you fostering YOUR desires or God's? - **1 Pet 4:1-2**
 - C. Practicing Grace (Giving Your Will to God - DIE)
 1. **Ephesians 4:2** - gentle, patient, tolerance, love
 2. **Ephesians 4:25-32** - Be honest, give, edify, forgive
 3. **Ephesians 5:1** - Imitate God (your Father)
 4. Are you spending your time as a River or Reservoir? - **Tit 3:1-3**
- III. How Can I Use My Time Wisely?
 - A. **5:21** - Brethren - subject to one another (FOR you); **5:22** - Wives - As to the Lord (as serving GOD); **5:25** - Husbands - Give yourself for wife (for HER); **6:1** - Children - Honor parents; **6:4** - Father - Teach children to love God; **6:5** - [Employees] - Serve as you would Jesus; **6:9** - [Employers] - Be fair and honest (God is)
 - B. **6:10** - Children of God - Trust in God