


# Redeeming the Time



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- Colossians 4:5: “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, ***redeeming the time.***”
  - Ephesians 5:16-17: “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ***redeeming the time***, because the days are evil.”



## Time has great value

- ▶ Can neither be bought nor gained nor sold
- ▶ Cannot be stopped
- ▶ A gift of God
- ▶ Given only in moments
- ▶ Cannot be brought back



- Time has been called a:

- Physician

- Fever reducer

- Arbitrator

- Time is often needed for the:

- Detective

- Decision maker



## Many proper uses of time

- Work. Ephesians 4:28
- Rest. John 4:6
- Relaxation and recreation. Mark 6:31-32
- Serving others. Galatians 6:10
- Worship to God. Hebrews 13:15
  
- In all these, remember
  - Seek first the kingdom and righteousness – Matthew 6:33
  - As to the Lord – Colossians 3:18-25

## But many improper uses of time

- Pondering past mistakes when they've been forgiven. Philippians 3:13-14
- Worrying about the future – Philippians 4:6; Matthew 6:34
- Idleness and laziness in the present. Proverbs 6:6-11; 19:15
- Imagining hurts and wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:6-7
- Dwelling on present ills and unfavorable circumstances. Philippians 4:11-12; 6-8
- Unwholesome recreation and questionable entertainment. 1 Corinthians 5:22



## The proper attitude toward time

- ▶ Colossians 4:5; Ephesians 5:16-17
- ▶ Redeem: “buying the opportunity, i.e. making the most of every opportunity, turning each to the best advantage since none can be recalled if missed” (W.E. Vine)
- ▶ Time means opportunity
- ▶ Most Jews of Jesus’ day missed the time: Luke 20:41-44
- ▶ Sad words: “and the door was shut”
  - ▶ Luke 13:24
  - ▶ Matthew 25:10
- ▶ John 9:4



## The proper attitude toward time

- Remember time on earth is brief. Psalm 39:4-6; 90:12
- Remember time is unpromised and uncertain. Ecclesiastes 9:11-12
- Do not boast of future, but do today what is good and right. James 4:13-17
- We have spent enough time already. 1 Peter 4:1-3
- Should be growing. Hebrews 5:12





## A wrong attitude about time:

“I don't have time”

“You don't understand. I don't have time”

Issue?

- Priority. Matthew 6:33
- Affection. John 14:15; Colossians 3:1-3



- Genesis 19:15-16

- Lot lingered, wasting precious and valuable time

- "...the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city"


- Acts 24:25

- "when I have a convenient time I will call for you"

- Meaning: "I choose to remain in rebellion against the Lord of heaven and earth. But let me tell you, at a later time I will no longer rebel against the Lord but will obey him."

- Revelation 2:21

- "I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent"

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- Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not promised.
  - Obey the Lord today!
  
  - To be saved:
    - Hear the gospel. Acts 2:14, 8:35; Romans 10:17
    - Believe the gospel. Romans 10:10
    - Repent. Acts 2:38
    - Confess Jesus as Lord and Christ. Romans 10:10
    - Be baptized for the remission of your sins. Acts 22:16
    - Now you can rejoice. Acts 8:39
    - Be faithful unto death. Revelation 2:10