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HOW DO YOU USE YOUR TIME?

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How often have we heard people say there are not enough hours in the day? Where did the time go? If I had it to do over again I would have used the time to pursue my passion.



I came across the following words penned by Harvey MacKay, "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't buy it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back." The interesting thing about time is in any given day everyone is allotted the same amount. No one can accuse anyone of having more time in a day than another person. The clock ticks from midnight to midnight to give us 24 hours, thus making one day. Granted, we all may not live as many days as another person, but that's not the critical factor. How do you use your twenty-four day? The other common

factor is no one knows what will occur in a day. So, we each have the same amount of hours and we each have no idea what will occur in any given day. However, we can plan for a new day and determine what could potentially be accomplished.

Ephesians 5:15-16 says, "So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times." (Message Bible) Like it or not we will give an account to the Lord one day for how we used our time.

Thinking back on a time when a dear friend unexpectedly passed away. No one anticipated it so all were all emotionally unprepared. He'd been married over 50 years, had just planned a trip to Europe with his wife, and was also celebrating his birthday that month. Although anniversary plans had been made, none of it would be experienced by him and neither would he celebrate another birthday.

It caused me to think about how I use my time. Tomorrow isn't promised to anyone, so it is imperative that we spend wisely the day given to us; deliberately bringing something useful into the lives of others and representing the Lord in a manner wherein we attract someone to Jesus. We should not close our day unable to recall the value we brought to others, be it to strangers, family, friends, and/or foe. Time is given to us to make a difference in somebody else's life.

Let's change how we spend our time since we cannot regain time lost.

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