

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

WELCOME VISITORS!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Travelling Members

- **Janna & Matt Wells** – bringing their grandchildren back to Arizona; Also, Janna has been having respiratory problems.
- **Jason Henderson** – on the job.

Ailing Members & Friends

- **Dema Franklin** – recuperating at home; neck surgery went well.
- **Martha Holloway** – recurring back and heart problem.
- **Janna Wells** – recurring respiratory problem.
- **Jeanne Lynne** - undergoing chemotherapy treatment.
- **Chuck Holloway** (Ken's brother) and **Benjamin Hoskins** (Daniel's Dad).

Military Members

- **Ernest Peeples** – deployed in the Persian Gulf.

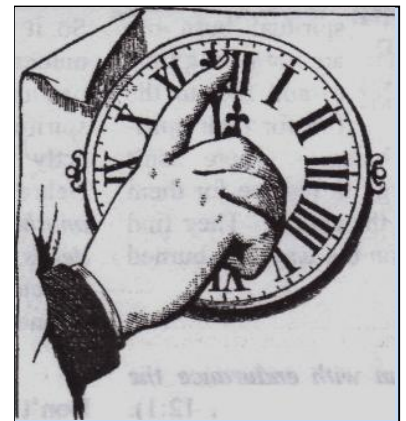
TAKING CONTROL OF TIME

Have you ever taken an inventory of how you spend your time? It is really quite eye opening to say the least. When I was teaching a class at a college that was dealing with study skills, I had the students do a time management exercise over a three day period. They would chart how much time they spent engaged in various activities over the assigned period of time. At the conclusion of the exercise they had to write up a paper explaining what they had discovered. There were many who uncovered aspects of their life that brought about radical changes.

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time
Ephesians 5:15-16

Notice in the passage that there is an open appeal for the individual to utilize wisdom. Wisdom as it relates to time management consists in the elimination of those things that while they may be urgent, are really not important. Where you set your priorities will determine how you will spend your time. The ascription of priorities consists in part of learning the difference between urgent and important. You can't do it all, you have to chose! If you're not sure what is really important, then imagine you only have six months to live; you'll come to understand the difference.

To be sure, there are a lot of things demanding your attention. That is precisely why it is so important on a day by day basis to recognize where your priorities reside. So called "experts" in the field of time management note that by focusing on the top 20% of your priorities, you generally get an 80% return on your effort. Quite honestly, I really don't know about all of that, but what I am certain about is what Jesus set forth.



But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow;
Matthew 6:33-34

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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with
thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

How precious also are Your thoughts
to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I should count them, they would be
more in number than the sand;
When I awake, I am still with You.

Search me, O God, and know my
heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
And see if there is any wicked
way in me
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:17-18, 23-24

When I survey the world in all its splendor
The heav'ns declare a beautiful array
Yes we believe our God still rules in heaven
The darkest night He changes back to day
God's love and pow'r are shown in every scene
Adorning truth on which we can rely
When time is o'er all earth will then proclaim
Christ, Lord of Lords and King most high

R.J. and Joe Stevens

[Taking Control of Time]

Apart from our soul, time is the most precious possession that we have. However, many of us treat time so cavalierly. Each one of us needs to awaken to the fact that we need to take control of what time we have been allotted. If we don't, then rest assured someone will decide for you how your time will be spent. It will be eaten up by distractions, urgent issues and in the grand scheme of things, tasks that are unimportant. In a Psalm acknowledging God's eternal nature and mankind's nature being transitory, the following thought is found.

***Teach us to number our days, that we
may present to Thee a heart of wisdom.***

Psalms 90:12

Take some time to really reflect on **IF** you are making most of your time.

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TO THE LIVING GOD

Christians worship with a conviction that they are in the presence of God. Worship is an act of attention to the living God who rules; speaks and reveals, creates and redeems, orders and blesses. Outsiders, observing these acts of worship, see nothing like that. They see a few people singing unpopular songs, sometimes off-key, someone reading from an old book and making remarks that may or may not interest the listeners, and then eating and drinking small portions of bread and wine that are supposed to give nourishment to their eternal souls in the same way that beef and potatoes sustain their mortal flesh. Who is right? Is worship an actual meeting called to order at God's initiative in which persons of faith are blessed by his presence and respond to his salvation? Or is it a pathetic, and sometimes desperate, charade in which people attempt to get God to pay attention to them and do something for them (1 Kings 18).

From "Living The Message"

This Week's Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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