

Love Thy Neighbor in Service



Yep...Our Days Are Numbered

Create time. It is one of the most valuable commodities we have. We are called in the scriptures (bible) to number our days.

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalms 90:12 NIV)

That is, we are to have an idea of exactly how many days we will have here on earth. I heard of a man who estimated the period of time he had remaining. He took a large jar and put a marble in for each month estimated to remain in his life. At the end of each month he would throw away a single marble.

As a result he was able to visibly see his life ebbing away in front of him. The method was simple but a very powerful

way to remind him of the temporary

nature of our existence here. We often feel like our lives are out of control having little time.

If you are a parent of multiple

children there seem to be a million things they must be involved in and someone has to drive them to each place. Work presses in on us and often feels like a tread mill that slowly increases in speed as the years go by until we have gone from a slow walk to an all out sprint. Family pressures rise as you hit middle age peaking with the care and concern of both your children and parents.

Time seems to have almost disappeared. Days pass as if on rails and months seem like moments.

$$t' = t\sqrt{1 - V^2 / c^2}$$

Another method is available to look at your time here on earth. Start with the simple idea that the Father has given you 24 hours in a day, 7 days a week. Assume you will sleep 8-9 hours per day. That leaves 15 hours for you each day. Obey His command to rest on the Sabbath and 6, 15 hour periods remain. Give Him the first hour each morning or evening and one is down to 6, 14 hour periods.

Most men are already thinking that is about how much time commuting, working and returning home each day

requires. Some may be thinking with my life, my house and my job there is simply not enough time. There in lies the problem.

Who on the planet said you had to have the job you currently hold, the house you currently live in or the activities your children are consumed by? Most of the places we end up in life are by default. We get married because we love the individual we meet. We have children generally as they occur, we send them to the school we think best, we buy the biggest house we can possibly afford in what we think is the best location.

Many of the activities we take on are a result of simply doing what we have seen our parents do or others around us without much deep thought. Often after many years we feel consumed and simply have no time. That is the enemy's plan...get you so busy and have you chase a goal only to find out it is of little value when finally obtained. The result is a life that has passed pursuing things that simply do not matter.

When is the last time you stopped to honestly think

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Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 22:39

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about why you are in your current situation? I know you don't have time for that.



As Americans it is almost programmed into us that the person with the most stuff is the happiest. More often than not the person with the most stuff has chased stuff to the detriment of many other things in his or her life. The reality is, whether we want to see it or not, we get great comfort and safety in having much stuff to put in big houses.

Something inside says if I have enough stuff, a cool car and a big house I will be happy. The problem with the idea is the pace at which we seek those goals can lead to a life at full speed with no end in sight. Few people will argue HE created the universe, the earth and each one of us. Mathew 10:30 (NIV) says,

"And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

So would a loving God put you in a situation that simply

cannot be met by the time HE gave you? Or has your life become such a race because you have pursued things to the detriment of a relationship with HIM? Can HE be trusted with your life? All these questions can be answered when you stop to take the time you already don't feel you have to find HIM. When we leave here you are going to meet HIM anyway.

"Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil.2:9-11 NIV)

So why not take time now, get to

What can you do?

We need your prayers! It is the most important thing you can do for the ministry.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

(James 5:16 NIV)

LTN is committed to spreading the Gospel by Christ's example to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39. To this end, LTN has designed programs with the purpose of helping clients build a relationship of faith in God, regain their dignity and eventually, regain their self-sufficiency. Contact us to learn more about the services and programs.

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know HIM and choose the less hurried life HE has for you?

For those of you who do not know, finding the Lord is rather simple. Get a good bible (we like the Zondervan Life Application Study Bible, large print) and read it each day.

Pray daily, work on the relationships HE has put in your life, be open to witnessing opportunities for Jesus Christ, give the first percentage of your income to the Lord (at least once a week), be in Christian fellowship (Church, Sunday School, small group bible study).

May God bless you!

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