

Dig Deeper Devotional

Your Most Valuable Asset: Investing Time with Eternity in Mind



Opening Prayer

Father God,

You are eternal, unchanging, and sovereign over every moment of my life. Every breath I take, every opportunity I receive, and every day I wake up is ultimately a gift from You. Thank you for this day which we have never seen. Too often I spend my time carelessly distracted by temporary things while neglecting what carries eternal value. I rush through days without considering how I am investing the life You have entrusted to me. Teach me to see time differently. Give me wisdom to steward it faithfully, courage to remove what wastes it, and discipline to use it in ways that glorify You and benefit others. Help me live intentionally, not accidentally.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Foundation

NIV – Epistle to the Ephesians 5:15–17

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil...”

KJV – Ephesians 5:15–17

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Teaching & Insight

When people think about valuable assets, they usually think about:

- money
- investments
- businesses
- talents
- intelligence

- influence

And while these things certainly carry value, there is one asset every person possesses that silently shapes all the others:

Time.

Time is unique because once it is spent, and it cannot be recovered.

Money lost can sometimes be regained.

Skills can be improved.

Health can occasionally be restored.

But time only moves in one direction- Forward. That is why Scripture speaks so intentionally about how we live.

Paul's words in Ephesians 5 are not casual encouragement. They are a warning:

- Be careful how you live
- Walk wisely
- Redeem the time

Why?

Because life drifts naturally toward waste if left unmanaged. Most wasted time does not initially feel dangerous.

It often appears harmless:

- endless distraction
- passive entertainment
- procrastination
- unhealthy routines
- constant busyness without purpose

The problem is not always activity. The problem is misalignment.

You can spend enormous amounts of time doing things that feel urgent while neglecting what is eternal. The devotional insight from Mondays with Mark challenges believers to think about time not merely as hours to fill—but as an investment entrusted by God. That perspective changes everything. Just like being a good steward of finances, we must also be a good steward of time. Stewardship asks a different question than productivity.

Productivity asks:

“How much can I accomplish?”

Stewardship asks: “What matters most in eternity?”

Those are not always the same thing. A person can be incredibly productive and still spiritually misaligned. This is why reflection is so important.

The devotional raises powerful questions:

- If you had five years left, what would change?
- One year?
- One month?
- One week?

Questions like these reveal priorities quickly.

Because awareness of limited time sharpens focus. Most people do not know how much time they have left and every believer is called to live with intentionality now—not later.

This includes:

- Spiritual investment
- Personal growth
- Relationships
- Service
- Witness
- Health
- Stewardship of gifts and opportunities

Time encompasses all that we create.

One of the greatest challenges is this: Many time-wasting habits become deeply ingrained and often feel automated. Habits are not permanent. They are practiced patterns and patterns can be replaced.

Monday With Mark wisely highlights a practical principle:

Do not merely remove a bad habit—replace it with a better one. This replacement should be God focused leading you to transformation.

Transformation is not just subtraction. One might think of transformation as a replacement. You do not overcome distraction simply by trying harder. You overcome it by intentionally building new rhythms that align with God’s priorities. This process takes time. Discipline develops gradually. Stewardship develops intentionally. Over time, small consistent decisions create major spiritual outcomes.

The question is not:

“Do I have enough time?”

The real question is:

“Am I investing the time God has already given me wisely?”

Everyday is an opportunity to invest in something temporary—or something eternal.

DEED / ACTION

Today, perform a **Time Stewardship Audit**:

Step 1: Evaluate Your Current Time Use

Where does most of your energy and attention currently go?

Step 2: Identify One Time-Wasting Pattern

Be specific:

- excessive scrolling
- procrastination
- unnecessary distractions
- unhealthy habits

Step 3: Replace, Don't Just Remove

Choose one intentional replacement:

- prayer
- Scripture reading
- serving someone
- physical discipline
- meaningful conversation

Step 4: Create Accountability

Share one goal with a trusted friend and revisit it weekly.

Pause & Reflect

- Am I spending time intentionally—or reacting constantly?
- What habits are quietly stealing time from what matters most?

- If my current patterns continue, what kind of life will they produce?

Sit with these honestly. Your daily habits are building your future.

Hebrew Insight

- **עֵת** (**Ēth**) — “Time, season, appointed moment”
 - Often refers to divinely appointed opportunities or seasons

Time is not random—it is entrusted.

Greek Insight

- **καιρός** (**Kairos**) — “Appointed time, strategic opportunity”
 - More than chronological time—it refers to meaningful opportunity
- **ἐξαγοράζω** (**Exagorazō**) — “To redeem, buy back, make full use of”
 - Used in Ephesians 5 regarding “redeeming the time”

Wise believers do not merely spend time—they redeem it.

Closing Prayer

Lord,

Thank You for the gift of time.

Forgive me for the moments I have wasted opportunities, ignored priorities, or allowed distraction to shape my days. Teach me to steward my life with wisdom and purpose. Help me replace unhealthy habits with rhythms that draw me closer to You and strengthen others around me. Guide my decisions daily. Align my priorities with eternity. Remind me that every moment matters when surrendered to You.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Final Charge

Time is not just something you spend—it is something you invest.

Use your most valuable asset wisely, because eternity is shaped by what you do with today.

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