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Accountable for time in God's Word!

<u>Read</u>: Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 and write out an Attitude to Change, a Command to Obey, a Truth to Believe, or a Sin to Confess.

Accountable for Learning Together!

Weekly Lesson: "Beat the Clock! (A Man and His Time)"

In Ephesians 5:16 (KJV) Paul reminds his readers to *"redeem the time"*. Isn't it interesting that people were struggling with time management over two thousands years ago? Some things never change do they?

Every man I know struggles with managing his time. It seems we always have more to do than we have time to do it in. However, maybe the problem is that we are trying to do too much! The truth is- we all have exactly the same amount of time. God gives everyone 168 hours in a week. How you use those hours is up to each individual.

The challenge every man must face is *"redeeming the time"*. How does a man make the most of every minute and not waste his time on things that don't really matter? Here are a few suggestions for how to beat the clock.

First, know your purpose! Managing your time begins with knowing your purpose in life. You will waste your time on things that don't really matter if you do not know why you are here.

Be proactive, not reactive! Making the most of your time means living your life intentionally. Don't wait until you feel like doing things to do the. Make time for the things that matter and put them into your schedule before it fills up with the things that don't matter.

Live for eternity! Remember that the time you have on this earth is limited. Make the time you have count! Use the days and hours God gives you to impact people for all of eternity. The earthly stuff fades away, but the heavenly stuff last forever.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1) Which best describes the way you are currently managing your time?

(Hectic / Calm / Making It)

- 2) Why is managing our time such a big battle?
- 3) How does mismanaging time affect our lives?
- 4) What could you do to better manage your time in the coming week or month?

Accountable to Each Other

Use the following questions as a guide to help you stay accountable to each other in the coming week:

- Who have you encouraged recently?
- When is the last time you served someone sacrificially?
- How has your giving been recently?
- Are you honoring God with consistent worship?
- How are those eyes doing?