

Making Every Second Count

Under New Management #6-11

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The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. **Psalms 24:1 (NLT)**

Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. **Ephesians 5:16 (Ph)**

I, wisdom, will make the hours of your day more profitable and the years of your life more fruitful. **Proverbs 9:11 (LB)**

I begin to manage my time wisely...

1. When I line up my priorities.

An intelligent person aims at wise actions, but a fool starts off in many directions. **Proverbs 17:24 (GN)**

- Aiming implies a focus.

2. When I learn to say no.

- Managing my time involves choosing AND refusing.

...it is stupid to waste time on useless projects.

Proverbs 12:11 (GN)

3. When I make a schedule.

The prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. **Proverbs 22:3 (LB)**

Why don't To Do Lists work?

- They're not specific enough.
- They may list what but they fail to list when.

Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind. **Proverbs 21:5 (MSG)**

- It's more apt to get done when I write it down!

4. When I lighten up my attitude.

When a man is gloomy, everything seems to go wrong, when he is cheerful, everything seems right. **Proverbs 15:15 (LB)**

A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life. **Proverbs 14:30 (LB)**

Being cheerful keeps you healthy. It is a slow death to be gloomy all the time. **Proverbs 17:22 (GN)**

Two ways to lighten up:

- Laugh a little...

Being kidnapped and held for ransom never worries a poor man! **Proverbs 13:8 (LB)**

- Play a little...

5. When I look up to God.

Reverence for God adds hours to each day.

Proverbs 10:27(LB)

Reverence for God gives a man deep strength.

Proverbs 14:26 (LB)

Challenge: Spend 30 minutes with God every day this week!

Depend on the Lord in whatever you do. Then your plans will succeed. **Proverbs 16:3 (ICB)**

Time management question

What will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 8:37 (NIV)

Everyday I'm exchanging my life for something.