

TIME ON OUR HANDS

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We are in the middle of a Bible class at church where we are learning the different aspects of time. This Bible Class reminded me of some of the characters that I worked with at the Post Office...fellow letter carriers. Every Tuesday we would receive a large supply of Time Magazine for delivery on our routes. They were very slick and it wouldn't be long until someone's stack slid to the floor. When we heard that, we all yelled "time is flying." The other one was when someone would take a handful of the magazines and tell everyone that they had "time on their hands." We would say that we did stuff like that to keep our sanity.

Many of us focus our time on the things we like, our work, marriage and raising a family. Some even fool away time. Frequently when you call someone they make a statement that just don't have enough time, always so much to do, especially if one is asked to be part of a project at church. "I just don't have the time!"

One of the lessons that I thought was fascinating, under the title of "The Value of Time." The point was made with the following analogy. *Let's say I would deposit a check for \$1,440 in your checking account tomorrow morning and instructed the bank to place the exact same amount in your account each morning. The rules are: you are allowed no balance to be carried over to the next day and every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you failed to use during the day.*

- What would you do? Draw out every cent every day and use it with gratitude.
- Strive to use it wisely, since it is a real yet limited gift?

Consider the daily gift of TIME – each day is a new account:

- Every morning it credits you with 1,440 minutes
- It carries over no balances to the next day and allows no overdrafts
- If you fail to use the day's deposit, it is gone
- You can't draw on tomorrow's deposit for today

Time is a gift...a precious valuable yet limited treasure God places into our lives. Re-ordering your time may be a key factor allowing you to express and enjoy the kind of life God wants for you. Love is key and "love takes time". We show relationships matter when we give them attention and spend time with them. Capture the moments before they slip by.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away...Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:10-12

The above information was taken from the WELS Adult Discipleship "Christ's Love, Our Calling".

Please don't let another day go by without pondering on the love that Jesus has shown you and while you are at it, call some loved one you haven't spoken to in awhile. Joseph