

## Faith: You and Your Time

1. Taking an overall view of your present lifestyle, list the ways you spend your time wisely and the ways you spend your time foolishly.
2. Describe God's view of time in contrast with our views of time.  
(list any related scriptures)
3. What does I Thessalonians 5:1-11 teach us concerning our management of time in relation to the Lord?
4. What does Hebrews 10:25 teach us about our time in relation to the church?
5. II Peter 1:5-8 tells us how we can spend our time in fruitful service for and knowledge of the Lord.  
Make a chart of the aspects mentioned and fill in those activities to which you must devote your time in order to develop these aspects.

1. Ways I spend time wisely:

read Bible & study for church classes

pray

attend church services & Bible study

make calls for church

witness in letters

making occasional visits

do housework

cook for family

care for Ryan

play with Ryan & go on stroller rides

be with Darrell

do typing for Darrell

ways I spend time foolishly

watch TV, read newspaper (etc.) when  
I could and should be doing one of  
the above

any time I sin is foolish

## 2. God's view of time:

(A) God has an appointed time for certain things to be - births, deaths, happiness, sorrow, gain, loss. These don't always follow the time schedule we would derive if we could choose, yet God's appointed time is always best. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)

(Ecclesiastes 3:17)

(Job 14:5)

(Hebrews 9:27)

(B) God views time in relation to the return of Christ and our urgent need to serve him. (Romans 13:11-14)

(II Peter 3:8-13) (James 5:7-8)

(Acts 17:24-31) (I Thessalonians 5:1-11)

We tend to view time in relation to our activities here. (I Peter 4:7-19)

(C) There are aspects of time that God has not revealed to us and does not intend for us to know. (Acts 1:7)

(Matthew 24:36) (Mark 13:32)

(D) God measures time differently than we measure time (Psalm 90:4)

3. Management of time in relation to the Lord:

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 teaches us that our time should be wisely spent in preparation for the Lord's return. If we are busy serving Him as we should, His return will not catch us unaware and unprepared. This scripture teaches us that to manage our time wisely, we will be sober and possess faith, love, and the hope of salvation.

4. Hebrews 10:25 teaches that we must commit our time to "the assembling of ourselves together" — church services.

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## FRUITFUL SERVICE

DILIGENCE	CHARITY	DILIGENCE
	BROTHERLY KINDNESS giving fellowship	
	GODLINESS strong prayer life Bible study, church, witnessing	
	PATIENCE strong prayer life (ENDURANCE) Bible study, church attendance	
	TEMPERANCE disciplined study, prayer life, control over flesh	
	KNOWLEDGE Bible study church attendance	
	VIRTUE sincere desire to grow & serve — effort	
	FAITH Bible study, prayer, Church attendance, daily walk	