

Redeeming The Time

(Ephesians 5:15-16)

INTRODUCTION

There is a silent thief that robs men every day, yet it makes no noise. It breaks no doors, spills no blood, and leaves no fingerprints, yet it has destroyed more destinies than failure, poverty, or persecution ever could.

That thief is **DELAY**.

Not sin in its loudest form....but delay in its most respectable disguise.





Not rebellion....but postponement. Not saying "*I will never*"...but saying "*not now*."

Many lives are not ruined because people chose the wrong path, but because they kept waiting to choose at all.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

Paul does not say "*enjoy the time*" He says "**REDEEM the time.**"

That means:

-  Time can be **wasted**
-  Time can be **lost**
-  Time can be **bought back with urgency and obedience**
-  **Time is not neutral.**

If you don't use it wisely, it uses you ruthlessly.

REDEEMING THE TIME IN CAREER & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Proverbs 24:30-34 "I went by the field of the slothful... it was all grown over with thorns..."

The man was not evil. He was absolutely **inactive**.

Examples:

- Courses you *planned* to take
- Exams you *intended* to write
- Skills you *meant* to acquire
- Certifications you *kept postponing*

REDEEMING THE TIME IN WORKING FOR GOD

*John 9:4: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, **while it is day**: the night cometh, when no man can work."*

Jesus felt **urgency**, not pressure.

Many say:

- "I wish I served in church"
- "I wish I joined a unit"
- "I wish I evangelized"
- "I wish I used my gift"

But wishing is not working.

REDEEMING THE TIME FROM SINFUL HABITS & SPIRITUAL NEGLIGENCE







Hebrews 12:1 "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us..."

Notice:

- ✓ Some things are **sins**.
- ✓ Some are **weights**.

They may not send you to hell immediately, but they will keep you **spiritually slow and unproductive**.

Habits you “plan” to stop:

-  Secret sins
-  Compromise
-  Prayerlessness
-  Bitterness
-  Pornography, gambling
-  Alcohol, gossip, anger





“God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.”

REDEEMING THE TIME IN SALVATION & BAPTISM

This is the most dangerous delay of all.

Acts 8:36 *“See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?**”*

What is hindering you?

-  Fear?
-  Pride?
-  Unbelief?
-  Waiting to be “perfect”?

DYING FOR YOU WAS NOT DELAYED

2 Corinthians 6:2 *“Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation.”*

Jesus did not postpone dying for you. Do not postpone living for Him.

C.S. Lewis: *“The safest road to hell is the gradual one—gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings.”*

KEY REALITY CHECK

- Time does not heal everything
- Time **reveals** everything
- What you ignore today will dominate you tomorrow

CONCLUSION

There is still **time**, but not much.

The year is ending. God is not asking for perfection. He is asking for **decision**.

Why not avail yourself the opportunity of starting a good ride with Christ by Submitting yourself for water baptism

“Hell is not only filled with bad people, but with good people who kept postponing obedience.”

The Prodigal son says “I will arise and go to my father.....

Who will you go to in 2026?