

LESSON 29

Topic: Redeeming the time

Text: Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 4:5; Galatians 6:9-10

Aim: To remind brethren to be time conscious and always be spiritually and physically alert to avoid drifting away from God's plan.

Introduction: To redeem is to take back or restore or recover. Time is the measurable period or duration within which events occur. It is continuous and does not have "back turning". Redeeming the time is restoring the duration or period lost by identifying the causes of the loss and putting a seal on it. Time is a precious gift from God. Once lost it cannot be regained. Time is limited and allotted to individuals by the Almighty God. However, no one knows the amount he/she has been allotted. Redeeming the time is making the most of every opportunity the Lord brings our way knowing that our life is but a breath Ps.39:4-5. God expects us to honour Him with our time. The decisions we make; actions we take should add value to life. These perilous times contest with our time. It comes with challenges and distractions for which we need God's grace, patience and prudence to maneuver. We no longer have the luxury of time for frivolities in these end time, if we must accomplish all that God is depending on us for. We should be good ambassadors to the one who gave us life by using our time to do His bidding. We must make haste while the sun shines. Do the work of God while it is day for night comes when no man can work. Remember we will give account of every time spent on earth.

Discussion Questions

1. Why should we redeem time? James 4:14; Acts 1:6 - 7; Eph. 5:15-16; Gal. 6:10.
2. How do we redeem time? Eph.5:19, Ps.90:12, Matt.6:33. Prov.22:29, Prov.3:5-6, James 1;5
3. Discuss the consequences of not redeeming time

Conclusion: To redeem the time means to live wisely, intentionally and meaningfully because, every moment counts. We are God's representatives and are accountable to Him on the last day. What you sow on earth determine what you reap in heaven. Seize every good opportunity that comes your way to do the work of God who has called you. Procrastination is a killer disease and should be avoided if you must fulfil God's purpose in life. Be alert and prepare to tackle the gimmicks of the enemy who is always looking for preys to devour. As we toil to meet our earthly responsibilities and pressures we should be careful not to compromise or relegate our eternal values to the background. God is depending on us.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:16 "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil"