

What are We Doing with What God has Given

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I. Introduction.

- A. God's will is never in opposition to his Word.
- B. We find God's will in the book, so we must stay in the book.
- C. People are used by God who have gone through the fire. We must be willing to suffer. (John 12:32)

II. We need to be careful with how we use time.

III. Dangers on the journey.

- A. Pride. (Isaiah 47:10)
- B. Withdrawing from life.
- C. Quitting the disciplines.
- D. Turning the inward journey into a journey of self-discovery instead of a journey to God.
- E. The sweet Jesus syndrome.

IV. Why our lives are important:

- A. The life recruits.
- B. The life trains. We need people who are looking out for our souls. (Mark 3:14-15)

V. We help people...

- A. By finding them.
- B. By making a plan.
- C. By knowing what to do with them.

1. Knowledge.
2. Skill.
3. Christian character.
4. Vision.

a. We need a vision of God and a vision from God for our lives. (Hebrews 11:27; Colossians 1)

b. People with vision have nonnegotiable convictions, commitment and honesty.
(Acts 5:29; Proverbs 18:3)

D. In any context.

E. Always.

Application questions:

1. What are some ways you can safeguard your time for ministry?

2. What does a healthy discipleship plan include?

3. How can you recruit and train more effectively? Explain.
