

Tyranny of Time

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I. Introduction.

A. Most people are pressed for time.

B. The church puts a lot of demands on people who are on fire for Jesus. Time with God and time with family usually gets cut.

II. Determine God's objective.

A. The marching orders of the church is to make disciples of all nations. Everything we do with the church must fit under this objective. (Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 19:10)

B. Only the human personality and the Word of God will remain, so our time should be devoted to this.

III. Determine how you are going to accomplish the objective.

A. Great biblical figures poured into small numbers. (Acts 20:4)

B. The objective is best accomplished through multiplication. (Isaiah 49:4)

IV. How to use your time.

A. We are to be faithful stewards of time.

B. Recognize that confusion and disorder is not from God. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

C. God does not overload us. (Psalm 103:13-14; 127:2; 2 Timothy 4:7-8)

V. Priorities.

A. Your personal walk with Christ.

B. The family. (1 Timothy 5:8)

C. The vocation.

VI. We cannot be a man pleaser and a God pleaser. (Galatians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 7:23; Proverbs 29:25)

VII. Jesus' secret: he waited for instructions. (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:6; John 8:31-32; Psalm 27:13; 139:3; 25:12)

VIII. Distinguishing between the important and what is not important.

A. The need is not necessarily the call. We should be able to say know.

B. Remember that Jesus waited on instruction.

1. Pray. (Romans 14:21)
2. Keep in mind the best methods.
3. Keep your priorities straight.
4. Wait for the answer.

IX. Conclusion. (Hebrews 2)

Application questions:

1. Break down your priorities based upon the way you spend your time. What can you change?

2. What is the key to saying no to good things in favor of what is better?

3. How will you ensure a commitment to devotional time in an already busy schedule? Explain.
