

given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the bin.

Help share God's love by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about them.

Bible verse of the week

Isaiah 43:1 (NKJV)

But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

Choose To Make Time For God



A few weeks ago, we discussed choices and talked about the thousands of choices that we make every single day, why we make the choices we do, and the consequences of the choices we make.

We then discussed one of the most important choices we make every day, how we choose to spend our time.

We said that time just keeps on going and we never seem to have "enough time" to do everything we need to do. We're always running out of time as our time keeps slipping away and we wonder where all our time went. We decided that we could all benefit from a little **Time Management**.

Psalm 90:12 tells us we need to learn to 'number our days' so we may 'gain a heart of wisdom'.

We said that 'numbering our days' has us look at and realize how little time we have in this life and how important every moment is. It has us honestly look at how we spend the time we have.

We talked about and listed all the things we choose to spend our time doing. We then looked at **Ephesians 5:15-17** where it says to be careful to 'live as wise' and to '**make the most of every opportunity'.** We looked at the things that we choose to spend our time on and asked if it they were really wise and if they were making the most of every opportunity.

We said that in order for us to really make the most of every opportunity that God presents to us, we need to learn to manage our time in a wise way. Who better to help us make right choices to manage our time wisely than the creator of all time, God.

Our number one priority when choosing how to spend our time should always be spending time with God. No matter how busy we get, no matter how much we have to do, no matter what else is going on, making time to spend with God needs to be our number one priority, every day.

Whether it's praying, reading, or listening to God's Word, choosing to spend time with God is the one choice that you will never, ever, regret making. Maybe that means you just wake up a few minutes earlier or go to bed a few minutes later, or maybe you take a short break during the day to spend with God.

When we look at how Jesus lived, He always made time for God. In the middle of everything going on in His life, no matter what was happening around Him, Jesus always made time to stop for a moment and go just be with God, to talk with Him, to listen to Him, and to just be with Him. Jesus made God His #1 priority.

God created you with an amazing plan for your life and He has also given you the ability and the time to accomplish His plan. All you have to do is to choose to spend the time you have **wisely**.

When **YOU** choose how to spend your time, things can start piling up and you can quickly become overwhelmed and anxious. But, when you choose to spend time with God and allow Him to help you choose how to spend you time, it brings peace to your heart and there is suddenly somehow more time to do the things that need to be done.

We talked about times when God calls us to do something that we just can't figure out how we could possibly have time for. It causes stress and anxiety because we're trying to make it work on our own. But, when we go to God first and allow Him to help us make the right choices, there will always be plenty of time for His work.

We said there will always be things that we 'have' to do, there will always be things that we 'want' to do, and there are going to be things that 'God calls us to do'. When we make God our first choice, it will all work according to His will.

Good time management isn't just a good skill to have, it's also a step in the direction of living how God has called us to live.

Choose wisely and make the most of every opportunity.

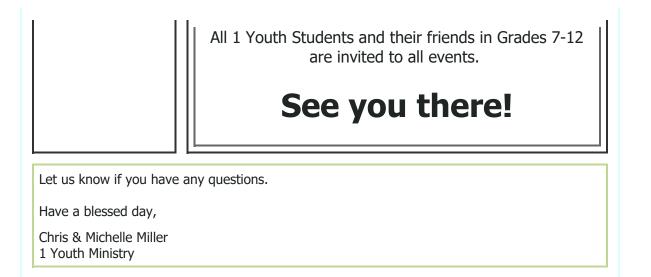
Upcoming Youth Events

More details to come

Every Wednesday - Join us for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions. Wednesdays from 7-8pm.

Beginning Sunday February 21 - New Sunday teaching Series based on 'The Chosen' TV series.

March 19, 2021 from 7-10pm - Save A Life Conference at LWA is a message of HOPE for those struggling with thoughts of suicide, anxiety, depression, sexual abuse & addiction by sharing the GOOD NEWS of the gospel of Jesus Christ. There will be live music, food, ministry, prayer, and a Q&A panel.



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