The Message Notes Message: *How to Redeem the Time* Messenger: Pastor Keith (PK) Text: Ephesians 4:15-16 Date: February 20, 2022



Objective: To teach how we can make the **most out of life by the time** that has been given to us by God.

Ephesians 5:15. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **16.** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (NKJV)

- □ Walk circumspectly (be careful how you live):
 - Not as fools (thoughtless)
 - Be wise (thoughtful)
 - Redeem the time (useful) recover to manage (plan, organize, and control to make the most out of)

WHY: the days are evil (Sin and Satan)

"Time is **duration** – it is linear (continues). Time cannot be slowed down, sped up, stopped, or purchased." James 4:14

Redeem: What you become in life depends on how you **manage** to **make the most** of your time (plan, organize and control).

1. Time is a _____. God created **time**.

Genesis 1:1. In the beginning (time) God created (cause) the heavens (space) and the earth (matter). **3.** And God **said** (energy) "Let there be light," and there was light. (ESV) Psalms 139:16, 2 Peter 3:8, Ecclesiastes 3:11.

Application: We should view time as a **gift** from God and it is **sacred** because every day of your life has been written in His Book before you were born.

2. Time is a _____. Time can be **spent**, **shared**, and **invested**. Reference: Psalms 90:10, 12

Heart of wisdom: "Live like you are dying."

3. Time is ______. Time is **distinct** by its change of seasons.

Ecclesiastes 3:1. For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

a) **Chronos** – **measurable** time – seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years.

- b) Kairos opportune time seasons when those decisive moments and decisions are made such as: marriage, school, business, manhood, womanhood, family, etc. Kairos seasons makes sense of Chronos. Reference: Esther 4:14
- c) **Dispensation God's** time the purpose and works of God toward humanity is **divided into time periods** (innocence, conscience, government, promise, law, grace, and millennial).

"God uses times of **dispensation** to **reveal** His **purpose** and **plans** for humanity's **acceptance** or **rejection**." Hebrews 9:27

Application: Levels of Time Usage

Level 1 – **Chronos** time. You go through the days fulfilling your time obligated responsibilities in life. You are bored with the routine and most days are thoughtless and meaningless.

Level 2 – **Kairos** time. You know the seasons of your life and time has a meaning. Each day is used as an opportunity to fulfill what you deem as your purpose and accomplish your personal goals.

Level 3 – **Dispensation** of time. You know you have been born for such a time as this to be a Christ follower, in comm**union** with His Body, so you carry out God's mission. You submit your Chronos and Kairos to Christ, so your time can live within God's current dispensation of time.

Takeaway: Apply My Heart to Wisdom:

- a) Manage your time (plan, organize, and control)
- b) Invest your time in purpose, people, and productivity (remove anything that waste your time)
- c) Evaluate your time by taking inventory of your life by answering the following questions:
 - 1) What have you done with your time?
 - 2) What are you doing with your time?
 - 3) What do I want people to say at the end of my time?

"Live like you are dying every day!"