

Becoming Series
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Wk 2 outline
Eph 5:15-16

BECOMING: EFFECTIVE STEWARDS OF TIME

I. From the Start...

A. In the Beginning...

1. God Created Time and it is Good (Gen 1:1-5;1:14-19)
2. God Modeled Rest and it is Holy (Gen 2:1-2)
3. God Ordained Stewardship and it is Necessary (Gen 2:15)

B. But Then... (Gen 3:17-22)

1. We chase the urgent and unimportant
-*"I do what I want"*
2. We idolize time
-*"I do it when I want"*
3. We take 7 when God says we need 6
-and *"I do it how I want"*

SINCE THE FALL
WE WANT TO DO WHAT WE WANT,
WHEN WE WANT,
AND HOW WE WANT.

C. Now What?!

In a World that is fallen,
where work is back-breaking, people are selfish, and time is fleeting;
how do we become effective stewards of time?

II. Two Understandings of Time (Titus 1:1-3)

1. **Chronos**: concerning a moment in history; the chronological and sequential time
-tick-tock, our time here is limited
-Titus 1:2- *"since the beginning of Chronos"*
2. **Kairos**: the right season, opportune moment, fitting opportunity
-Titus 1:3 *"at his appointed season"*
-while Chronos is Quantitative, Kairos is Qualitative.
-while Chronos is fleeting, Kairos is permanent in nature
-Kairos points to God's perfect and ordained timing at work in this Chronos

THE AWARENESS OF GOD'S PERFECT TIMING IN THIS EARTH
CHANGES HOW WE LIVE OUT OUR TIME HERE ON THIS EARTH

III. BECOMING Effective Stewards of Time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

A. ORGANIZE: We Organize Our Lives in a Way that Carefully Creates Space for Margin

-Great stewards of time walk carefully

1. Carefully: with purpose
-exactly and distinctly

IN THE ECONOMY OF TIME WE ARE ALL SOCIALISTS, NOT CAPITALISTS. WE ALL HAVE THE SAME 24 HOURS IN A DAY, THE DIFFERENCE IS IN HOW WE SPEND THEM.

B. INVEST: We Invest in Honoring God's Schedule Above Our Own

-Great Stewards of time walk wisely

1. Wisely: Proverbs 17:24
-The wise have an understanding of God's will, and know when to act on it.

"NEVER PLACE A PERIOD WHERE GOD HAS PLACED A COMMA" -Gracie Allen

C. REMAIN: We Remain Present and Aware, Ready to Seize the Opportunity as it Arises

-Great Stewards of time *"make the most of every opportunity"*-Eph 5:16

-Literally: *"to redeem the time"*

1. "Make the Most"...(vs 16)
-to redeem, buy back, to buy up, rescue
2. "Of every Opportunity"
-time (Kairos)

GREAT STEWARDS LIVE A KAIROS LIFE WITHIN THIS CHRONOS WORLD

D. RECEIVE: We Receive Christ into our Lives, He is *THE* Great Redeemer and Giver of Life

-John 7:1-9, Matthew 26:17-19, Romans 5:6-11

- TO WHOM AM I GIVING MY LIFE, JESUS OR SOMEONE ELSE?
- HOW AM I SPENDING MY TIME? DO THE OUTCOMES HONOR GOD AND IMPACT ETERNITY?
- WHERE IN MY LIFE HAVE I PLACED A PERIOD WHERE GOD HAS ONLY PLACED A COMMA?
- HOW WILL I LIVE A KAIROS LIFE IN THIS CHRONOS WORLD TODAY?