

# SERMON OUTLINE

TIME: MAKE IT COUNT

EPHESIANS 5:15-17

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"You and I have a problem. Most mornings, we drag ourselves out of bed, start the day's routine, and hope against hope that we can simply hold our ground. Maybe we can keep the house in only a mild state of disaster. Maybe we can break even on the to-do list. Maybe no one else will get sick. Maybe the inbox won't get any fuller. Maybe we won't fall asleep after lunch. Maybe, just maybe, we can get enough done in the next eighteen hours to beat back the beast of busyness and live to see another day. We wake up most days not trying to serve, just trying to survive." – Kevin DeYoung

## Three Ways to Steward Time Faithfully

### 1. Examine your life attentively: vs. 15a

### 2. Invest your time wisely: vs. 15b-16

- "...yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." – James 4:4
- "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." – Psalm 90:12
- "Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing in which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act." – Richard Baxter
- "My primary issue isn't one of balance or time – it's of lordship. Is the day mine or is it His? Are my needs mine to fret over, or are they His to see and supply? Is my to-do list something for me to complete at all costs, or is it His to guide and direct?" – Amanda Duvall

### 3. Consider God's will thoughtfully: vs. 17

## THE SPECTRUM OF STEWARDSHIP



**Benediction:** "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore." – Psalm 121:7-8