

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Making the Most of Time: Ordering Your Private World”

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Read Ephesians 5: 15-20

15Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Getting Started:

1. What did you find meaningful or helpful from the sermon? What did you find challenging?
2. What is your weekly schedule like? Are you doing too much? What specific things need “maintenance” right now?

Discussion Questions: [taken from Gordon MacDonald's Book, “Ordering Your Private World”]

Gordon MacDonald states, “There is a temptation to give imbalanced attention to our public worlds at the expense of the private.” However, it is in the private world where we build enough stamina and strength to handle the outside pressures. It is in the quiet private world and the disciplines forged there that will insure we hear God's voice to be wise enough to make the right family, financial and future decisions.

3. How much time do you spend in your “public world” versus your “private world”? How does this affect your life?
4. What enemy (or enemies) to bringing order to your private world do you need to identify?
5. Who is your most persistent advocate of ordering your private world? Compare Ephesians 1:13 with John 14:26.
6. List the areas of your private world that need ordering.
7. What biographies have motivated you to move forward toward a more ordered inner life? What made these persons so influential?
8. What is your private form of worship or what “quiet time” would you like to incorporate into your life?

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