

To Realize

To realize the value of ten years, ask a 55 year-old who just got laid off.

To realize the value of four years, ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year, ask a cancer survivor.

To realize the value of nine months, ask the parents of a newborn.

To realize the value of one month, ask the mother of a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one hour, ask the lovers waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute, ask the person who missed the bus, plane, or train.

To realize the value of one second,
ask the desperate friend-in-need who hung-up just as you answered.

To realize the value of one millisecond,
ask the person who won the silver medal in the Olympic 100M race.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.

(Anonymous)

2018 is quickly building momentum...the proverbial snowball rolling down the mountain slope. January is in the books; February will be four days old when next we see each other at Sunday services. Pull off to the side of life's highway and take some time to examine your life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Are there changes you need to make? Priorities you need to re-order? Do you often think thoughts that begin "One of these days..." or "When I find some time..."? Don't lose sight of the fact that time is significant because it is so rare. Time is completely irretrievable. You can never repeat it or relive it. One wise person has said, "3 things you cannot recover in life: a word after it is spoken; a moment after it is wasted; and time after it is gone." The philosopher William James once stated, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

Are you intentionally investing your time in matters that have great significance and value? Kevin Ngo writes, "If you don't make the time to work on creating the life you want, you're eventually going to be forced to spend a lot of time dealing with a life you don't want." Two verses of Scripture that instruct us about investing time wisely: "What a person plants, he will harvest" (Galatians) and "The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously." (2 Corinthians) Here's an insider tip on spending your time: time invested in Sunday School and Worship always produces dividends. Cya Sunday, PK.