



## “TIME IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE”

Dear Church Family & Friends,

It's hard to believe but spring is just around the corner. And with it will come warmer weather, flowers blooming, trees budding and plenty of outdoor activities. But one of the things I look forward to most of all with the onset of spring is that special weekend when Daylight Savings Time begins. I know it's kind of rough losing that hour of sleep on that special weekend. But for me what I gain out of that weekend far outweighs what I lose. It's more than worth an entire hour of extra daylight. There is so much I can do with that extra daylight. Tonya and I can go for a walk later into the

evening and more outdoor activities can be added to our schedule. But none of this would be possible for me without a willingness to give up that one hour on that one weekend each spring.

Think about this: time is one of the most precious things we each possess. It's also one of the things we seem to misuse the most. The choices of how we can spend our time seems endless. And there are many worthy and important causes which vie for our time. There are also many other ways we choose to spend our time that seem very important to us in the moment, but in the big picture of life, are actually unimportant. The famous saying goes that “a mind is a terrible thing to waste.” But the same can be said when it comes to our time. The last part of verse 11 in Proverbs 12 states: “. . . only fools idle away their time.” Daylight Savings Time is one of those great opportunities for us to step back and take a moment, maybe even an hour, to assess how we are using our time. How we spend our time is a major key in discovering who and what is most important to us in life.

Most of us are happy to give up one hour each spring to get an extra hour of daylight in return. But what else are we willing to give up some of our time for? Let me give us a few things to consider that are more than worthy of our time. First, if we say we want to have a closer relationship with Jesus, we need to make sure we're consistently committed to give up some of our time talking to Him and hearing from Him. Next, if we say we want to discover and fulfill the purpose and plan Jesus has for our life, we need to make sure we're consistently committed to give up some of our time being taught and disciplined with our brothers and sisters in Christ at church as well as reading the Bible on our own. And finally, if we say we want to have a closer relationship with our family, we need to make sure we're consistently committed to give up some of our time to be with our family – communicating, laughing, crying, talking, caring, loving, supporting and so much more. Keep in mind, it's not always the amount of time we sacrifice that matters most, but the quality of the time we give. Are we willing to give an hour this spring for that extra daylight? Great! But are we also willing to give that extra time out of our busy schedule to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and discover His purpose and plan for our life? Are we willing to give that extra time to develop a closer relationship with our families? May we each allow God to help us this spring and beyond to use our time more wisely!

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