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PRIORITY DETERMINES CAPACITY

PART 4: WHAT REALLY MATTERS?

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Psalm 90:12 — Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Ephesians 5:15-17 — “Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”

- I cannot _____ or _____ time.
- The most important word I need to learn: _____
- Decide what is _____ and then _____ those decisions _____.

My Daily, Weekly & Yearly Priorities

1. I will _____ from _____ at regular intervals.

Exodus 20:8-10 — ⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your [household]...”

Psalm 127:2 (LB) — “It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night...God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest.”

2 Corinthians 4:16 — “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

Mark 2:27 — [Jesus] said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”

2. I will ruthlessly eliminate _____ from my life.

Psalm 23:2-3 — “He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.”

3. I will give energy and focus to things that are _____

Ecclesiastes 4:4 (GN) — “I’ve learned why people work so hard to succeed; it is because they envy the things their neighbors have.”

Mark 8:36 — “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”

1 Timothy 6:18-19 — ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

4. I will prioritize _____ first

Proverbs 10:27 (LB) — “Reverence for God adds hours to each day...”

Hebrews 10:25 — “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (NCV) — Jesus: “Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest... the load I give you to carry is light.”

Sources: “The Time of Your Life” by Chris Hodges; “The Power of Habit” by Charles Duhigg, “Discovering Spiritual Maturity” & “God’s Antidote to Busyness” by Rick Warren; “Work & Rest” by Timothy J. Keller; “Dictionary of Bible Themes” by Martin Manser. Unless otherwise indicated, scripture quotations are from THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

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