

It is hard to believe that half of this year is already in the history books; time is not slowing down for anyone or anything! Interestingly enough, time is a friend to some and an enemy to others; it is all relevant to one's application of it.

Some people live their lives by the *seat of their pants*, which means, they never plan. Most of their decisions are made according to their intuition and experience. Time is an enemy to these individuals, though they may accomplish their goals periodically.

Usually, impulsive individuals create their own emergencies due to lack of simple planning. Many times, in the midst of their crisis, they expect and demand their friends and family to help them, as though, their friends and family are responsible for their dilemma.

Most folks with this personality trait are pragmatist. They are unaware of the stress they create and dispense on other individuals around them. They function and operate off the concept *whatever works at the time is what is most important!* Hence, details are unimportant to them because they restrict creativity and freedom.

Impulsive individuals are mostly oblivious to the chaos their lack of planning cause, and thus, are not bothered by the effects and or consequences their actions trigger; nor do they consider the friction and stress it bears on their relationships. An interesting note to consider, most individuals connected to a person who lives by the *seat of their pants* are planners and plotters.

Why would a planner spend time with an impulsive erratic person, who is likely to abuse and take advantage of them, when those who are meticulous and detailed oriented are particularly driven nuts and stressed to the hilt by the impulsive chaotic lifestyles of their erratic friend? Researchers claim it's the thrill of the next adventure that drives them in spite of the toll it is taking on their mind and life.

For plotters and planners, time is a genuine friend. Some of the most famous lines and phrases about time were created by these individuals, such as "take your time", "time is on your side", "don't be in a hurry" and "we've got all the time in the world". For planners and plotters time is a tool and a friend. Time helps them accomplish their goals by giving them the leeway needed to plan their work and then work their plan.

Most plotters and planners are idealistic to their methods of planning; they can be unrealistic when it's time to execute plans. These individuals are mainly principled and uncompromising due to a tick called perfectionism. They are driven by following the plans they created without wavering. As you can tell, a perfectionist is the total opposite of pragmatist who never plans because he sees no value in it.

Obviously, God created these personalities to thrive in this world. Both traits have positives and negatives; the positives make the two suitable and compatible in certain situations. Where the negatives of the two tend to be chaotic and destructive.

Though God is not managed by time, He framed our world by time thus making it our taskmaster. The perfectionist understands and appreciates time as his master while the pragmatist tends to rebel and resist the restraints time puts upon them.

What does the Bible say about time and how we are to manage it? In Ephesians 5:16, we are instructed to redeem the time afforded us on this earth. In essence, we are to make the most of every moment, for we live in perilous times. The days are evil, and our opportunities to shine the light of truth are few. In Colossians 4:5, we are instructed to take every opportunity to bless those who are without or in need.

The word redeem is a powerful word in this context. It paints the picture of time quickly fleeing like the sun on the evening horizon. It induces an urgency to respond, to take hold of before it is too late.

Using urgency as a guide, there are several things we are commanded to do in our life that requires time management. In Proverbs 22:6, we are instructed to train up our children, while they are young. There is a small window of time we have to influence our children and lead them down the path of righteousness.

In 2 Timothy 2:15, we are instructed to study God's word. The word study does not infer read; rather, it means to prepare one's heart, mind and body to be a living sacrifice and a ready vessel for the service of our King. This appetite to study and prepare begins the very day we become children of God, as seen in 1 Peter 2:2. Here it states as babes in Christ we will crave God's word so we may grow and mature in the admonition of the Lord.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 we are instructed to pray continually. Jesus' own disciples did not follow this instruction when they and Jesus were in the Garden of Gethsemane. In His darkest hour, the time when Jesus needed His friends the most to pray for Him, slept. Jesus wept and His disciples slept. The time was ripe for prayer and they missed the opportunity.

There are many more examples in the Bible on time management. With the few illustrations, I have offered in this article, I pray you will consider the time you have been afforded and carefully manage it.

As you can see, the Bible doesn't differentiate between pragmatist and perfectionist when it instructs. In fact, it is irrelevant what personality traits we possess; our call to redeem the time is the same for all. In 2 Corinthians 5:10 we learn we will all appear before Christ to be judged. He will preside over the examination of our life and will determine if we utilized the time He gave us to bring glory to His name or ours. So, make the most of every day.

Thank you all for lifting my family and me up in prayer, they are coveted and needed. Please know that I am praying for you also. I truly appreciate your faithfulness to God and each other while I am away.

Your friend,
Brother Tim

Progressive Supper

On Saturday, April 30th we had our progressive supper. There were 18 people that came out and enjoyed the fellowship and had a good time.

The supper consisted of salad by Bonnie Swyers, Mexican dinner by Florence Kimmel and dessert by Diane Varady. Thank you to all of you who helped make this a great success.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Many thanks go to the men who prepared breakfast on Mother's day. Charles, Bob and John did a great job and delighted all who participated with their presentation.

The food was great and so was the fellowship. You guys set the bar high. I hope the ladies can match or surpass your excellent feast on Father's Day.

Women on Mission Chocolate and Friends Tea

Sorry we missed you at our Chocolate and Friends Tea. There were 20 of us and we had lots of food. Lots of fun. Lots of fellowship with family and friends.

Three lovely ladies won at Lemon (Bingo). Linda won the door prize, guessing how many buttons in a jar.

Father's Day Breakfast

We are inviting the whole church to a Father's Day breakfast on **Sunday, June 19th at 8:30 am** to honor the lives of our fathers.

Our women will prepare a marvelous meal as usual.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway if you plan to attend.



Operation Christmas Child

Here is an opportunity for you to participate in making a child's Christmas something special.

We are starting our drive for shoe boxes to be filled and/or things to be put in them. Lots of shoe boxes are in the middle room with brochures for how to fill them.

Please help with shipping expenses as they have a long way to go.

Thank you for your support.

Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch - Navy **Rank** - 2nd Class
Assignment - Virginia Beach

Brandon Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Air Force
Assignment - Tucson, Arizona

Megan Hines - USNA - Pastor Tim's Daughter
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Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am



June Calendar

- 1st - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
- 8th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study/- 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
- 11th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am
- 13th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 15th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study- 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
- 19th - Father's Day Breakfast - 8:30 am
- 22nd- Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
- 23rd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
- 25th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
- 27th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 29th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Bible Study - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm

Happy Birthday

- 14th - Tom Burns
- 15th - Deane Church
- 18th - Lillian Kopet
- 20th - Char Fortner
- 28th - Gertie Hankins

Happy Anniversary

- 5th - Bob & Doris Curlett
- 13th - George & Alden Bocar
- 14th - Al & Jane Thornell
- 27th - Don & Eldora Walton
- 28th - Tom & Bonnie Swyers



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A Father means so many things...

A understanding heart,

A source of strength and of support

Right from the very start.

A constant readiness to help

In a kind and thoughtful way.

With encouragement and forgiveness

No matter what comes your way.

A special generosity and always affection, too

A father means so many things

When he's a man like you...