



Sermon Discussion Questions

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Series: Live Well: God's Wisdom for Everyday Living

Sermon: Time

Passage: Various verses from Proverbs

Introduce it: Begin thinking about the sermon

Have the group pull out a piece of paper and try to remember what they did each day of the past week. After writing down everything they can remember, have them look and see where they spent the most time this past week.

Revisit it: Look back at the passages taught

To live well and live wisely, the best things to say yes to are, in order:

(1) Pursuing God, then if 2 & 3 apply to you (2) Strengthening your marriage, (3) Raising your children, and finally (4) Deepening your friendships.

Do you more regularly say yes to 1 than to 2? Do you more regularly say yes to 2 than to 3? Do you more regularly say yes to 3 than to 4? Do you more regularly say yes to 4 than to most other things not in the top 4?

How are you doing with these top 4 priorities? Are you prioritizing saying yes to the best things - even if it means that you have to say no to some great things?

Read the following Proverbs and after reading each one, talk about which of the 4 "yes's" above does that Proverb speak to and why?

Proverbs 20:13; 27:23-27; 28:19; 20:13; 22:3-9; 16:3; 16:9; 19:21

When planning to use your time well, you have to set plans in place. Read the following Proverbs and talk about how each warns us in planning well: Proverbs 15:22; 20:18; 21:5;

Read the following Proverbs and talk about how each robs you of keeping the top 4 priorities:

Proverbs 23:29-32; 23:26-27; 26:20, 22

Use It: Don't just learn the passage-apply it

Looking at the following categories, ask, "Am I working ON my life (by planning), in addition to working IN it?" (leader-have the group to talk about 3 places they work "ON" their life and 3 places the don't.)

Health, Vacations, Holidays, House, Car, finances, insurance, marriage, health, children's bed time, education, friends, hobbies, learning, ministry, conferences, Bible study, mission, etc.

What top two time, emotion, and energy wasters do you need to cut out of your life right now?

What three changes in your life would make the biggest difference? What obstacle in your life is most preventing you from living by your convictions?

Where is your planning weakest? Why? Where is your planning strongest? Why?

Remember It: Memorize Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your work to the Lord and your plans will be established."

TEACH THESE PROVERBS TO YOUR CHILDREN!!! As parents, we owe it to our children to help them learn what it means to have healthy time management. The best way is to show it, the second best way is to teach it from the Scriptures.