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Newsletter



The month of March has been a busy time for me. I was having 2 major task in tandem to each other. There was no time to waste. In the midst of shifting to my new house, I was preparing a sermon for my son's wedding and not forgetting that I was also conducting his wedding. The value of time was deeply embedded in my mind. I had to strategise my activities carefully. Finally, though I had backaches due to heavy shifting and painting the house a couple of days before the wedding, the Lord showed Himself faithful and true again. He ministered to me and I was physically up and ready to do my best for my son's wedding. It was an amazing time.

The wedding ceremony was a great success, contributed substantially by church members and friends. In the ceremony, time was also a commodity to consider because we were renting another church premises which was booked within a time frame.

Everything seems to subject it self to time. Within this precious commodity, I pondered over my son's growth and his spiritual development. I reflected about his social maturity. I thought about my family's progress in light of the time we came to Australia and how the Lord administered our lives. In this dimension, time appears to be a continuum. Here we are, living in the 'linear time dimension'. Hence, we ought to value what we have and what we do with it. In view of this, looking back at how my children grew up, I realized that time was an important resource in teaching and educating them. Yes, Time is life. Time is energy and Time is irreversible. We can't get it back. Sometimes we think we can go back in time to undo and redo certain things. Unfortunately we can't. But time is still available for us at this moment. Let us utilize this valuable time we have right now by making any correction or changes so that our future can be more assuring. Be more energetic with our time by becoming a blessing to people. Don't push away the opportunity. Use it and bless someone.

Eph. 5:15: "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."

Speakers for the Month of March

4/3/12	11/3/12	18/3/12	25/3/12	
Phil Linden	Peter Misso	Kelvin Sim	Kelvin Sim	



Scripture for the month

Ecclesiastes 3:11-13

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet^[a] no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³ That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

Time: God given Precious Gift

Everyone rich or poor, famous or unknown have exactly 1440 minutes a day, 168 hours in a week, 8,760 hours in a year and 657,000 hours in a lifetime of 75 years. No one alive has any more time each day than anyone else.

Our world is like a clockmakers shop with thousands of timepieces forever ticking. For some life is just starting, for some it is half over, and others are running down and will soon be stopped.

Time moves in a relentless progression as the earth rotates, the planets spin around in their orbit, the seasons change, and new life replaces the old. To use an old cliché, time waits for no man. We tell time by clocks, by the position of the sun, moon and stars, and also by wrinkles, gray hairs, and attitudes.

There are theme parks where water is everywhere and adults as well as children splash and play for hours in its abundance. But lost in the desert or adrift in a boat on the open seas men measure out the water drop by drop. When we are young we think we have all the time in the world. In the intensive care unit at a hospital - nurses and doctors say in whispered voices..."it's just a matter of time..." The silence is broken only by the monitor beeping, the pumps wheezing and the steady rhythmic throbbing of the machines. We heal or we die by moments of time.

Time is one of life's greatest values because we must exchange a block of precious, never to be recovered time for everything we do. Absolutely everything! Most overnight success stories are the result of years of small events and sometimes great efforts.

We do not know how much or how little time God has assigned to each of us to live. We do not know just when our time on this earth will run out. But there is one thing that is absolutely certain; when our time runs out we will not be given anymore. You cannot buy time. You cannot borrow time. You cannot go back and relive time. All that you and I can do with our time is make the most of it for as long as it lasts.

Make the most of your time. Realize that time is precious, and do not waste it by concentrating your attention on things that are of little or no lasting value. Take time for those things in life that are most important; your head, your health, your home and your holiness. If you prioritize your time around the protection, the preservation and the perfecting of these four things you will live a life of which you can be proud and about which God will say "well done."



Inspired Observation Being a Good Steward of Time

(Ephesians 5:15-17)

by Dave Fadden

"I haven't got time!" has been the watchword for most Christians in this day and age. Most of us feel as though we have "a long way to go and a short time to get there!" What's the solution? Is there a time management "miracle" that can free us from the treadmill that most of us seem to be on?

Thankfully, the answer is "yes!" God is the author of time and the performer of miracles. If we would look to the wisdom found in His Word, and apply it, we can release His miracle working power in our lives so as to enable us to make the most of our minutes.

Are you wasting or investing the time God has given you?

"Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only so many days in the year as we make use of. One person gets a week's value out of a year while another gets a year's value out of a week."- Charles Richards

How can I make sure I am being a good steward of this gift from God, this slice of time that I call "my life?"

I need to analyze my lifestyle - v. 15

A. Be aware of your "prime time."

God has "wired" each of us differently. Some of us are morning people. Some of us are evening people. One is not better than the other, they are just different. We need to understand ourselves and the way we are "wired" so as to better make the most of our time.

B. Be aware of your "wasted time."

Time is not typically wasted in big chunks, but in little bits. Each of us develops patterns of behavior through which we waste time the same way each day.

Vision

We seek to connect people to God w
new life begins in Jesus Christ by th
power of the Holy Spirit and seek to
engage them in every opportunity to
encounter and experience the
resurrection power of Christ through
Worship, Education and Outreach ar
also seek to be highly committed in
planting churches wherever God ser
us to.



Our Mission

We exist to bring people back
(evangelism) to the fundamental purpose
(discipleship) and sent them to the world
with the call of God (Mission).

Church Service

640 Canterbury Road, Vermont Church

Tel: 041098 5432

Time: 4pm

Every Sunday



**640 CANTERBURY
ROAD, VERMONT**

Every Friday 8pm

Tel: 04 33963633

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March 2012

KIDS QUEST

**RUNS CONCURRENTLY RIGHT
AFTER THE WORSHIP SESSION
EVERY SUNDAY**



Wednesday at 8pm – Pastor & Irene's
Residence

Thursday at 10:30am – Diana's
Residence

Thursday at 8pm – Asahel & Lala's
Residence



Good Friday Service on the 6th April 2012.

There will be no Easter Service on Sunday because the Vermont Uniting Church is using the Church premises.

Hence the week for the service will be on Good Friday.

Light Moments



EMBRACE THE LIFESTYLE OF GIVING

How to Make Your Money Go a Long, Long Way 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

The story is told of three tightwads who visited a certain church for the first time. Not wanting to give any money, they deliberately came late so they could skip the offering. They were shocked to discover that in this church the offering came after the sermon. Not knowing what else to do, when the offering was announced, one of them fainted and the other two carried him out.

If the truth were told, that's how many Christians feel about the whole subject of giving. They would like to avoid it if they could.

But it's hard to avoid thinking about money ... even in church. We spend most of our life trying to make money ... and the rest of our life trying to spend it. So it's not surprising that the Bible is filled with stories about money—how to make it, how to spend it, how to save it, and how to give it away.

I want to say a word about tithing. For those who don't know, the word tithes comes from the Old Testament. It's a Hebrew word that literally means a "tenth." When you tithe, you are giving ten percent of your income. For instance, a tithe of \$1000 would be \$100. A tithe of \$537 would be \$53.70, and so on. A tithe is ten percent of whatever you make.

If you read the Bible, you soon discover that tithing began in the Old Testament as a way in which the people of Israel could support the nation and especially the Levites who served as priests. When you come into the New Testament, you discover that there is no verse that says to Christians, "You must tithe." Nor is there a verse which says, "Do not tithe." It is neither required nor forbidden.

Why, then, do so many churches stress tithing? The answer is, it's a useful guideline for giving. It's easy to compute. And it's a good place to begin. I agree with those who say that Christian giving goes far beyond the tithe, just as grace goes far beyond the law.

But tithing makes sense as a helpful way to gauge your giving. "This service that you are performing is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (v.12).

Your giving, Paul says, is fully supplying the needs of the saints. That makes sense. When you give, you help someone out.