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TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

- 1. What Does “Take Time” Mean?** Jesus asked (Jn 11:9), “*Are there not _____ in the day?*” We understand he based this on the Jewish day, which was from 6 AM until 6 PM. Even in our fast-paced world there are only 24-hours-in-a-day, no more, and no less. We fill each of these hours in some way, either inactively or with varying degrees of activity. Taking time is a matter of priority. As Joshua put it (24:15), “_____ you this day whom ye _____.” You can rob from God and give to yourself and the Devil, or you can take time to be holy.
- 2. Moderation** The Apostle admonished: (Phil 4:5) “*Let your _____ be known unto all men.*” . The word *moderation* means *gentle, mild, patient*. It is best seen when (1 Thess 5:14) one is “*patient _____ men.*” The moderate man is an *orderly thinker, a planner who prioritizes* by identifying the *important* issues. One cannot *make* more minutes, hours, or days. He must eliminate the unimportant and less pressing items to make room for the important ones.
- 3. Time Must Be Spent Working** Paul spoke (2 Thess 3:11) of “*some which _____ among you disorderly, _____ at all, but are _____.*” (a) The indolent (ie: non-workers) are out-of-step with God. Why? (Eph 4:28) “*Let him _____, working with _____ hands the thing which is good.*” Why? “*That he may have _____ to him that _____.*” Note this renunciation: (1 Tim 5:8) “*If any _____ for his own, and specially for those of his _____, he hath _____ the _____, and is worse than an _____.*” (b) Each of us has so much time. *Idle hands are the devil’s workshop!* Time that should be spent working is often filled with devilish pursuits. (Prov 26:16) “*The _____ is wiser in his own _____ than seven men that can render a _____.*” This kind of person is a burden on others and rejected of God.
- 4. Time Should Be Spent Enjoyably** *All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!* Ideally, there should be a blending of work and recreation. (Prov 30:8) “*Remove _____ from me _____ and lies: give me neither _____ nor _____; feed me with food convenient for me.*” Why? (V9) “*Lest I be full, and _____, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be _____, and _____, and take the name of my God _____.*” Solomon said, “*It is _____ and comely for one to _____ and to _____, and to _____ the good of all his _____.*” The Christian should plan most of his/her time of recreation with and around family and friends, especially Christian friends.
- 5. Time For Rest** John describes the faithful (Rev 14:13) who have departed this life as _____ “*from their _____; and their works do _____ them*” into eternity. Rest is good and the body requires it. Even God (Gen 2:2) “*rested on the _____ day from all his _____ which he had _____.*” When the apostles (Mk 6:25-32) reported the execution and burying of John the Baptist to Jesus, he said, “*Come ye yourselves _____ into a desert place, and _____ a while.*” God made us to sleep to rest ourselves. (Ps 127:2) “*For so he _____ his beloved _____.*”