

“Here Today ... Gone”

James 4:13-17

**How can I be a good steward of the time
God has given to me?**

Understand the duration of life.

Life is ...

- Unpredictable
- Fragile and frail
- Temporary
- Fleeting

Luke 12:16-21, Psalm 39:4-5, 90:3-9

Make the most of my time ... now.

- **Begins with salvation**

II Cor. 6:2 "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation."

- **Continues with Sanctification**

Eph. 5:16 "Redeeming the time ..."

Make God's Plan my Plans

- **God's plans are better than my plans.**
Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways My ways."
- **God's plans are never wrong.**
Jeremiah 29:11 "thoughts of peace, ... to give you hope and a future"
- **God's plans are really not much different than mine.** Psalm 37:4-7, Ephesians 3:20

Applications

- Evaluate my daily living.
- Implement one action that I know that I should be doing in my family.
- Daily ask God to reveal His plan for me that day.

John Wesley's Rule for Living

**Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.**

In other words ... "Redeeming the time!"