

## Good and Faithful Servant – Time



### **Psalm 90:12** \_\_\_\_\_

*12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

### **Psalm 39:5-6** \_\_\_\_\_

*5 You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure.*

### **John 9:4** \_\_\_\_\_

*4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.*

### **James 4:13-15** \_\_\_\_\_

*13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”*

### **Ephesians 5:15-16 ESV** \_\_\_\_\_

*15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1** \_\_\_\_\_

*3 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

### **Mark 13:32-33** \_\_\_\_\_

*32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.*

## Truths about time

- Time is a gift from God therefore steward it wisely
- Time is a limited/finite resource. We all get the same amount
- Time can be wasted or lost – and cannot be recaptured

## Its best to manage our time well

- Stay organized
  - Rest, relax and restore, recreate
- Have a plan and review your plan
- Tune out distractions
- Assume responsibility – don’t play the blame game
- Make what is eternal top priority (not the urgent)
- Don’t postpone the important rather eliminate or postpone the unimportant
- Work hard but don’t be a workaholic

## Reflect on how you are using your time

| Activity                                          | Time |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|
| Church and other Christian activities             |      |
| Volunteering                                      |      |
| Employment                                        |      |
| Prayer and reading God’s Word                     |      |
| Ministering to others                             |      |
| Friends and family                                |      |
| Laundry, cleaning, house and yard work            |      |
| Hobbies                                           |      |
| Recreation                                        |      |
| Rest                                              |      |
| Social media and time online (phone and computer) |      |
| Other entertainment (TV, movies and video games)  |      |