

BECOMING Wiser

Getting wisdom is the most important thing you can do! And whatever else you do get, good judgment.
Proverbs 4:7

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#10 WISE TIMING — PART 1

Proverbs 1:2, 3; 12:11; 25:28

Proverbs 1:2-3 (NLT) Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

Proverbs 12:11 (NLT) A hard worker has plenty of food, but a person who chases fantasies has no sense.

Proverbs 12:11 (TEV) Your insight and understanding will protect you.

Proverbs 25:28 (NLT) A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.

Proverbs 25:28 (MSG) A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out.

1. Appreciate the gift of time.

Psalm 90:12 (TLB) Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (CEV) Act like people with good sense and not like fools. These are evil times, so make every minute count. Don't be stupid. Instead, find out what the Lord wants you to do.

Romans 13:11 (NLT) This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Psalm 39:4 (NLT) Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered — how fleeting my life is.

2. Focus attention where it matters.

There are three focus points you need to make if you're going to take control of your time:

- Focus on life purpose.

Psalm 139:13-17 (NLT) You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous — how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

- Focus on life principles.

Psalm 119:16 (NLT) I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

- (3) Focus on life priorities.

Isaiah 55:2 (NCV) Why spend your money on something that is not real food? Why work for something that doesn't really satisfy you? Listen closely to me, and you will eat what is good; your soul will enjoy the rich food that satisfies.

Proverbs 23:4 (NLT) Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit.