Corona Virus Social Distancing Daily Devotion #2

Making the Most of Your Time

**Ephesians 5:15-16 (NASB)** 15 be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16  making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Solitude and quietness are certainly of the Lord. And many of us are enjoying a time of quietness during this quarantine. Even our Lord sought solitude in very difficult times. On the night Jesus was betrayed, He sought solitude in the Garden of Gethsemane to be with His Father. (Luke 22:41)

But, if you notice, Jesus did not stay in the garden forever, but left to finish what He started, to rescue the souls of men. He came for one reason, to serve His Father and do His Father’s will. (Luke 2:49) He came to work while it was day. (John 9:4)

God is saying to us that we are not to live a life of spiritual solitude but make the most of our time on this evil earth fulfilling God’s purpose.

**Colossians 4:5 (NASB)** 5  Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

The word outsiders is a reference to all unbelievers. The point is believers are called to live in such a way that they exemplify a life of faith to the unsaved world and take advantage of every evangelistic opportunity made available to them.

Paul said of himself, **Acts 20:24 (NASB)** 24  "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

James said, **James 4:13-14 (NASB)** 13  Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." 14  Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

I know that many will say and have been thinking that Debbie and I should not have gone to Romania at a time like we are experiencing with the Corona virus, that it is unwise. And each person is entitled to his own opinion. But the truth is, there have been many who believed God and followed through with their faith, even in the face of great danger. Can you imagine what the world would be like if the Apostles decided they would stay in hiding forever or if Paul would have given up spreading the Gospel when he was first arrested? Beloved, we have been given a precious gift, eternal life. And it is for us to share. And there is no better time than the present, when people are fearful of the virus and fearful of losing the jobs, etc.

Let me share with you a blog post from our contact in Romania after the one night of ministry we had in a village church.

*“Last night I have got a phone call on behalf of pastor John who joined the group in Tatarus. Among different issues discussed I was overjoyed to hear that the Lord used this year’s team in order to bless many people in that congregation. More than half of people were unconverted people and many confessed that the Lord spoke to them and searched their heart. Moreover,* ***after the meeting a lady who was attending that small village church shared with pastor John her decision to follow Jesus and confess her faith in baptism****. We pray for more. Pastor John was so encouraged…
But even for one soul* ***it was worth it****. Months of preparation in prayer, organizing and planning…* ***It was worth it****! Sacrificing time, resources and health…* ***It was worth it****! Packing in rush, no sleep and getting tired in airports…* ***It was worth it****!
Why? Because one soul values a lot. Actually so much that Jesus Christ, son of God, died in order to save it by faith!
So please receive our gratitude for your faithfulness for the Lord in such a time like this. God bless you all!”*

Take some time during your social distancing and ask yourself what you are spending your time on. Is it simply doing the daily chores and doing what you can do to keep from being bored?

Take a minute and pray for God to put someone on your mind, then send them a note of encouragement or call them. Make sure you reference God and His love and care for everyone who puts their trust in Him.

Use this time of quietness from your regular routine to put your faith into action, the world needs the Gospel, and you are the messenger.