

Redeeming The Time

Summer is upon us and many young people are out of school, and feel it is time to "sow their wild oats." New graduates may feel like Wendy in Peter Pan and have to grow up tomorrow, so now is not the time to put God first. However, we all, regardless of age, need to redeem the time as we are instructed in Ephesians 5:16. We are never assured of a tomorrow. Many times people say that they will put God first when they get out of school, but then they are too busy finding a job. So, then they will find time for God when they land that perfect job, but then they are overwhelmed with work and God is put on the back burner.

Then they decide that they will find time for God when they get married and have kids. However, when the kids arrive, they are so busy, that God will just have to wait until the kids are grown. But, then they must work extra hard to prepare for retirement, so there is still no time for God. Surely at retirement there will be time for God. but no, now they do not want the restrictions of living a godly life. After all, they have worked their whole life to get to the time when they can again "sow their oats." Do not let the Lord come again and find that you have not made time for Him.

Young people, take Solomon's advise: "*Remember thy creator in the days of thy youth*" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Daniel sought the Lord early, and was blessed because of it (Daniel 1:8-9, 17). No matter what stage of life you are in, do not put off your service to God, or on the judgement day you may hear, "... *depart from me, I never knew you, you who work iniquity*" (Matthew 7:23).

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