

Making the Most of Your Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Life is brief.

B. One ought to make a decision to live for eternity. (James 4:14, Psalm 39:12, 79:11)

II. Life with Jesus Christ is exciting.

III. One must become time conscious in order for a person to make an impact for God.

A. The young are to remember their Creator. (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

B. The young are to be an example for others. (Ecclesiastes 11:9, I Timothy 4:12, Lamentations 3:7)

IV. Get to know your God.

A. As you get to know God, He will want to use you.

B. Getting to know God requires discipline.

1. This is not trying to earn favor with God—the Christian already has favor with God.

2. Discipline is to bring one's mind and body under the authority of God. (I Timothy 4:7, I Corinthians 10:11, Romans 15:4)

3. We get into the Word of God because we love Him. (Psalms 34:11)

V. Memorize Scripture. If you just memorize a few at a time, you will have a ton of Scripture memorized eventually.

VI. Spend time with the Lord.

VII. Read great Christian books such as biographies.

VIII. Listen to great messages.

IX. Go overseas to share the gospel. (Romans 10:13)

X. Become a disciple-maker.

XI. Look for someone to disciple you.

Application questions:

1. What are some areas that you can use your time more effectively?

2. Why is exerting effort to get to know God not necessarily legalism?

3. Which discipline would you like to grow in the most? What is something practical and provable that you could do this week to take steps in this area?
