

**Time**

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16). Time is a precious commodity. It is fleeting. Wisdom would have us make good use of what time we have, to redeem the time. As we reflect upon this past year, it can be helpful to ask: What things did I get right? What things did I get wrong? Who did I help? Who did I hurt? How did I use my time wisely? How did I use my time foolishly? Be honest. Learn to thrive in the good, noble, honorable, commendable, godly ways. Learn to refuse the ways that hinder, destroy, hurt and tear down. Let’s seek to make the best use of our limited time, today and every day. -David McPherson



**Memory Verse**

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”  
—Colossians 4:2

**Are You Speechless?**

Many situations call for Christians to be anything but speechless. We should speak in teaching others, praying, singing, edifying and encouraging others, etc. But what about gossip and tale bearing? Be speechless. “A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter” (Proverbs 11:13). Gossip and slander accomplish the opposite of building up, they tear down! (Proverbs 14:23; 16:28; 26:20). God forbids whispering and backbiting (Romans 1:29-30). -

<p><b>DUTY LIST...</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY MORNING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford</li> <li>➤ Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson Reading: TBA</li> <li>➤ Song Leader.....Eli Todd</li> <li>➤ Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell</li> <li>➤ Lord’s Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Kenny Johnson</li> <li>➤ Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson</li> </ul> <p><b>SUNDAY EVENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Song Leader.... Eli Todd</li> <li>➤ Opening Prayer...Lynn Buttrey</li> <li>➤ Invitation: N/A</li> <li>➤ Lord’s Table: Eli Todd</li> <li>➤ Closing Prayer: Jeff Isbell</li> </ul> <p><b>WEDNESDAY EVENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Song Leader...Michael Pickford</li> <li>➤ Invitation: Kenny Todd</li> </ul>	<p><b>God’s Plan of Salvation</b></p> <p>There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17</li> <li>➤ <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24</li> <li>➤ <u>Repent of Sin</u>: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30</li> <li>➤ <u>Confess Faith</u>: Romans 10:9, 10</li> <li>➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21</li> <li>➤ <u>Remain Faithful</u>: Rev. 2:10</li> </ul> <p><b>Obey Today!</b></p>
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## Drug-Free

I AM CONCERNED about the prevalence of drugs in our country. Especially illegal drugs. It's easy to ascertain from the Bible how the use of drugs can be sinful. Certainly, illegal drugs are sinful just in the fact that using them is illegal. The Bible teaches us to obey the laws of the land (Romans 13:1-2). But they are also destructive to the body (1 Corinthians 6:20), and detrimental to the clarity of the mind; we must remain clear minded and sober as God's children (1 Thessalonians 5:6). By the way, alcohol is a dangerous drug specifically condemned in God's word (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

What the abuse of legal drugs? Many, who wouldn't dare take illegal drugs, allow themselves to become addicted to legal drugs. Legal drugs are needed and lawful when used properly; but we must not abuse them! And incidentally, taking someone else's prescription drugs is illegal.

So, with the prevalence of drugs in our society and peer pressure so abundant, how do we overcome the problem, especially among our young? By applying God's principles. First, pray for strength to overcome the temptation to do drugs (Philippians 4:6-7). Second, avoid situations which are conducive to being introduced to drugs (Matthew 6:13). Third, nourish your will to do God's will and be pleasing to Him. Fourth, realize the destructive nature of drugs. They can destroy your family, your health, and your spiritual security. Parents, talk to your children about the dangers and sinfulness of drugs (Ephesians 6:1-4). Don't let improper and illegal drug use deceive you (Hebrews 3:12-13). –

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## Quotes To Ponder

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“When you were born, you cried, and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a way that when you die, the world cries, and you rejoice.”

-Cherokee Proverb

“Jehoram was 32 years old when he became king. He ruled eight years in Jerusalem. No one was sad when he died”

-2 Chronicles 21:20 (ETRV)

“Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his”

-Numbers 23:10 (NKJV)

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Select the correct answer from the people listed

1. Father of John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)  
a. Zecharias    b. Zacchaeus    c. Zephaniah
2. Moses's sister (Numbers 26:59)  
a. Mary    b. Miriam    c. Milcah
3. Jesus' mother (Luke 2:4-5)  
a. Elizabeth    b. Joanna    c. Mary
4. She was eaten by dogs (2 Kings 9:36-37)  
a. Jochebed    b. Jezebel    c. Joanna
5. She served as a judge (Judges 4:4)  
a. Delilah    b. Deborah    c. Dinah
6. She lied to God (Acts 5:1-4, 9)  
a. Sapphira    b. Salome    c. Serah
7. King Ahab desired this man's vineyard (1 Kings 21:1)  
a. Noah    b. Naboth    c. Nicodemus
8. She left her family to live with her mother-in-law (Ruth 1:16)  
a. Rachel    b. Rebekah    c. Ruth
9. God rejected the family of this priest (1 Samuel 3:14)  
a. Elimelech    b. Eli    c. Eliphaz
10. Delivered a sermon at Mars Hill (Areopagus-Acts 17:22)  
a. Peter    b. Agrippa    c. Paul