

Theology of time Management: Glorifying God with the Resource of Time

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Lesson #3 - Articulating God-Glorifying Goals and Mission of GTM

INTRODUCTION

Q: What are your takeaways from the two articles from this past week?

- *Manage Your Time for the Mission of Love* - by David Mathis
- *4 Ways Not to Redeem the Time* - by Brandon Crowe

Q: What are Pastor Joel's goals for our class today?

1. To remind you where we are in the process of this class.



2. To show you what God says about His purposes for your life.
3. To equip you with how to connect God's purpose and mission for your life to your roles and responsibilities.
4. To help you begin to evaluate how your time management is or is not reflecting God's purpose and mission for your life.
5. To motivate you to continue on in this process.

I. WHY ARTICULATE A PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT?

Q: Why a lesson on mission and purpose? 4 big reasons.

A. God's purpose & mission for your life brings needed clarity

1. Clarity prevents purposeless living
 - a. Can be seen by in living for a wrong purpose

- b. Can be seen in living for no purpose
- c. Can be villainized by a smorgasbord of options
- d. Can be villainized by a full plate to manage

2. Clarity prevents pragmatic living

3. Clarity promotes principled living

B. God's mission and purpose for your life brings inevitable accountability

Q: In what ways?

1. Reminds us of our accountability before God
2. Provides accountability for past decisions
3. Provides accountability for future plans through mission and purpose.
4. Accountability to reality

C. God's purpose & mission for your life brings constant stability

Q: Why?

1. Because mission and purpose ought not to change - so it is foundational.
2. This helps keep you on mission when life is exceptionally comfortable & when life is exceptionally uncomfortable.

D. God's purpose & mission for your life brings true productivity

Q: How do we measure productivity?

- "The absence of productivity or the presence of woefully diminished productivity is first a theological problem. We need to do all to the glory of God. God calls you to productivity, but he calls you to the right kind of productivity. He calls you to be productive for his sake, not your own. No amount of organization and time management will compensate for a lack of Christian character." - Challies

1. Excluding God is the ultimate unproductivity

- "To live your life without God is the most unproductive thing you can do" - Perman
- Lk 9:25 -
- Jn 15:5 -
- Matt 19:29 -

2. God offers ultimate productivity

- Ps 1:3 -
- I Cor 15:58 -
- True productivity is as strong as the foundation upon which it is built
- God ultimately defines what the right things are to get done.

3. Productivity questions:

- Is this in obedience to God's commands?
- Is this in submission to God's spirit?
- Is this done for the glory of God? "in the Lord" or "unto the Lord"
- Is this done out of love God and others?
- Is this done with the judgment seat in view (II Cor 5:9-10)

II. WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE AND MISSION FOR BELIEVERS?

Q: What is God's ultimate purpose for the life of a Believer? Consider these 3 categories:

A. Exalt God - Living for the Right Purpose

Consider our flesh bent

- "Perhaps the chief competitor to God-centeredness is simply making our own aims our center" - Perman

Consider some Catechisms

Westminster Catechism

- What is the chief end of man?

New City Catechism -

- Question 1 - What is our only hope in life and death?
- Question 4 - How and why did God create us?

Consider some key Scriptures

- Isaiah 43:7 -
- I Cor 6:19-20 -
- Rom 14:7-8 -
- Romans 11:36 -
- I Peter 4:10-11 -

B. Enjoy God - Living with Right Satisfaction

Consider your flesh

Consider God's provision: God is the answer to our need for fulfilment

- Jn 4:14
- Psalm 16:11
- Psalm 16:5
- Psalm 42:1-2
- Psalm 143:6
- Romans 5:11

Consider God's commands

- Rejoice *in the Lord* always. (Philippians 4:4)
- Delight yourself *in the Lord*. (Psalm 37:4)
- Be glad *in the Lord*. (Psalm 32:11)

C. Express God – Living with Right Mission

1. We express God through a right theology of good works

- Matt 5:16 -
- Eph 2:8-10 -
- Tit 2:14 -
- John 15:8 -
- John 15:16 -
- I Thess 5:15 -
- II Cor 9:8 -
- Prov 3:27 -
- I Tim 6:17-19 -
- Eph 5:15-17 -

2. We express God by showing His love to others

- This is commanded (Matt 22:34-40)
- This is Christlike
 - Humility by putting others first (Phil 2:3-4)
 - Love expressed in generosity (Eph 5:1-2)
 - Proactivity to meet the needs of others (Tit 2:14)

- "A charitable person whose heart disposes him to bounty and liberality, will be quick sighted to discern the needs of others." – Edwards.

3. We express God in the context of the Local Church

- Edification of the saints (Eph 4:2-3)
- Evangelism of the lost (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Ps 96:3)
- Stay on mission

III. HOW CAN YOU ARTICULATE PURPOSE AND MISSION IN A STATEMENT?

A. Consider mission statements in the Bible

- Micah 6:8 -
- Matt 5:16 -
- John 17:3 -
- Phil 1:20-21; 3:8-11; 3:14 -

B. Consider components of a God-glorifying mission statement

- Include Identity - (who you are as a believer)
- Include purpose - (why you exist)
- Include means - (centrality of the local church)
- Include mission - (beneficial focused action to fulfill purpose)
- Include a list of core values that are unchanging

C. Articulate your God-glorifying mission statement

- Meditate on it -
- Write it -
- Be patient with it -

D. Evaluate your God-glorifying mission statement

- Ask:
 - What things in my life are keeping me from living this mission?
 - What roles are fulfilling this mission well?
 - What priorities in my life need adjusted to help me live this mission?

- Plan: Rhythm habits

IV. WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK?

➤ Resources are available digitally at www.fbcsaintfrancis.com/time

A. Scripture Focus:

- Study Jesus: Read/Study Mark 1:35-39 and examine the model of our Lord. Also, additional option: Read the gospel of Mark observing how Jesus was obedient to the Father, submitted to the Spirit and sacrificed for others.

B. Weekly Article:

- Read “4 Lessons in Fruitful Time Management” - By David Mathis & “You have Just Enough Time” - By John Bloom

C. Practical Assignment:

- Based on today’s lesson, write your mission statement and core values.