

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

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PERSONAL EVALUATION QUESTIONS:

The purpose of these questions is to help you assess and articulate specific areas of time management that need corrected, sharpened, or shaped by a right theology of time management. So, answer these questions honestly and thoughtfully. Don't be discouraged by some of the answers you might give. Remember that the Scripture and the transforming work of the gospel gives you direction and hope in all of these areas!

1. I understand God's purposes for my life.

[not at all, somewhat, mostly, very clearly]

Off the top of your head and without looking at your Bible, what Scripture passages would you go to in order to give yourself God's purposes for your life?

2. I can articulate the God-given roles in my life.

[not at all, somewhat, mostly, very clearly]

List the God-given roles in your life and, without looking at your Bible, give at least one Scriptural directive about each role listed.

3. I have quality personal time with the Lord.

[Not at all, rarely, sometimes, often, very often]

Describe what your time with the Lord looks like (time/place/plan/routine)?

4. I set aside time weekly for planning, prioritizing and scheduling.

[Not at all, rarely, sometimes, often, very often]

Describe what your weekly time looks like for planning, prioritizing and scheduling. What planning system/tools do you use?

5. I have set, intentional purpose in my discretionary time.
[not sure, sort of, very specific]

What are the main things you do in your spare time? What are the purposes in those activities?

6. I have a struggle with time wasters.
[Not at all, rarely, sometimes, often, very often]

What specific time wasters do you struggle with the most?

How many hours per week do your timewasters cut into time you should be getting rest? (i.e. going to bed)

What distracters do you tend to gravitate to when you experience problems/stress?

7. I procrastinate on most deadlines.
[Not at all, rarely, sometimes, often, very often]

8. As a believer who owns your time?
[Me, God]

As you plan your week, who gets more emphasis in the purpose and planning?

9. How would you define productivity?

10. List ways in which you identify with struggle with the following idols.

- What does your idol of laziness reveal about your propensity to live for comfort? What sinful habits and addictions does it expose?
- In what ways does your busyness reveal your pride? What does your busyness reveal about responsibilities you are neglecting?
- In what ways do your motives with productivity align with/not align with God's definition and measure of productivity?