

Redeeming the Time

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Prayer

Lord, do speak to us again and give us Your instruction. We need Your leading in our daily life, for our Christian life and for our church life. Help us to be overcomers who would redeem the time, ones who are not a part of this evil age. Lord, we desire that we would be people that live unto You, with a different purpose and even with a different schedule. Lord, instruct us all that we would live in a well-pleasing way, well-pleasing to You and also to Your purpose. Lord, cleanse us and cover us with Your prevailing blood. Amen.

The Way We Spend Our Time

Well, it's good to see you saints again. As usual, there's tons in my heart to say and to share with you, but we only have so much time. I had planned for something, and I asked the brothers to prepare an outline, but just before we started, I began to have a slightly different feeling. The Lord is living, instant, and with us in a very present way. May we all learn to follow Him. Now, my main burden today is about time, which translates directly into our daily life or living in the form of our schedule. In other words, I want to speak about the way we spend our time.

Time is a temporal and a limited commodity. There is only so much time in each of our lives. Even time itself, as an element, is hardly eternal. Eternity is the only thing that is eternal. Some people say that today, we are simply in this "bridge of time" between the two eternities. Interestingly, God uses this bridge of time to work out His purpose. We as creatures, as human beings, were not created in

eternity. We were planned, pre-known, predestinated, selected, and marked out before time. But, in terms of our existence and our being gained for God, in order to be a part of His eternal plan and economy, to fulfill his heart's desire, this all takes place in "time" versus in eternity. Our existence and our being gained for God not only occur in time but it is further limited by our *own* shorter lifetime. So, as we are talking about bearing fruit and having the beginning of a new kind of church life, an overcoming life, a fruit-bearing life, and a vital and dynamic life, we must consider our time. To have all this to work out for the Lord's interest in His recovery in this country, we need to be practical and touch this matter of time, because all this work takes place in the context of time.

Living To Him

We are all given a certain amount of time which only the Lord knows as He has planned. You and I have no say or control over whether we have X, Y, or Z number of years as it is all preordained by the Lord. Sure, we should do our best to live longer and take care of our health, not for our own pleasure or enjoyment, but for the Lord's sake. We are all no longer our own. We were all purchased with the price of the precious blood of the Lamb and are living to the Lord. We don't owe ourselves anything, but we owe the Lord everything. Thus, we have to plan our lives, take care of our lives, and schedule our lives entirely with a view of being unto Him. This is to live to the Lord.

In Second Corinthians, chapter five, Paul's word is, "For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died; And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised." (2 Cor 5:14-15). Paul made a decision, a judgment, that since the Lord has died for us and rose again, we no longer live to ourselves, we're no longer accountable to ourselves. We live like we don't owe ourselves anything because we are not our own anymore. We are His. We are now constrained by the love of Christ, to do just one thing, and that is to live to him. Anyone who is not living to the Lord is not being

a true Christian, he is not a consecrated one. We are here on the earth with a limited time. Brothers and sisters, we have to give an account for every second, every minute, every hour, every day, every month, every year, every decade. We will be accountable one day. We will be asked how we lived our lives since we professed to love the Lord Jesus. We have said that we are living to Him and that we are here with only one purpose to serve Him and to meet His need. Do you really mean these words or is it just some lip service that we give to God? This is real, brothers and sisters, and I take this very seriously from the time the Lord revived me and called me to take this way.

The Prayer of Moses in Psalm 90

Last year was my 70th birthday and my older daughter, who is a graphic designer, put the entire Psalm 90 in a frame for me. She did a great job, but I have nowhere to hang it and it's just laying back here behind me so that every time I turn back there, it's right there staring at me. Now this Psalm should be dear to us, especially to the older saints among us, those seventy and eighty years old and beyond, because this Psalm mentions that age. Now, this is a Psalm of Moses, actually it's a prayer of Moses, the man of God. I would like to ask you all to take this week to find some time to muse on this Psalm, to read it, to think about it, and to reflect upon this particular Psalm. I believe you will receive a lot of inspiration as I did. And you will not only be inspired, but as I prayed earlier, you will be instructed by the Psalm of Moses on how we are to live. So, I'm not going to read this whole Psalm to you, but as I'm looking at it, I want to read a portion of it and speak to you on it.

Psalm 90:1-2, "O Lord, You have been our dwelling place / In all generations. / Before the mountains were brought forth, / And before You gave birth to the earth and the world, / Indeed from eternity to eternity, You are God."

This Psalm starts out with a bang, this great verse. In the very beginning, Moses first recognizes the One, the Creator, who dwells in

eternity, from eternity to eternity. To God, there is no such thing as time. Although we are all living in time and we're accustomed to the measurement of time, and we do everything according to time, we look at our success, our failure, our health, our condition, and so many other things, according to time.

Psalm 90:3 "You return man to dust / And say, Return, you sons of men."

As Moses continues, he's talking about death clearly. That's just the way human life is, from dust to dust. Now, that doesn't sound too encouraging but that's a very real view of Moses. Moses took the people of Israel out of Egypt and begin to trek through the wilderness into the good land when he was 80. Even in those days, at 80 years old he was not young. At the age of 40 is when he killed that Egyptian and he still needed 40 more years to be dealt with by God. At 80, Moses saw the burning bush and received his calling to lead God's people out of the land of tyranny, the house of slavery, and to bring them into the good land. As you know, he then spent 40 years in the wilderness, and died at the age of 120 because he was prevented from entering into the good land due to his failure. It was as an old man, somewhere between the age of 80 and 120, that he wrote this Psalm.

Psalm 90:4 "For a thousand years in Your sight / Are like yesterday when it passes by / And like a watch in the night."

This verse is consistent in the Bible, to God 1000 years is like one day. God's measurement of time is totally different than ours. God's sense of time is totally different from ours. Let's do the math – say you live for 100 years, if 1000 years is one day, then 100 years is one tenth of that. One day is 24 hours, so one tenth of that is 2.4 hours. That's all you have brothers and sisters. In God's view, you've got only 2.4 hours to live. That's not a long time. The older you get, like me and some others, the quicker the time seems to pass by. When I was young, I wondered when I would become an adult and could do my thing. And

it felt like it never came, year after year, I was still a kid. Now, I tell you, just every month I have more white hair and I'm trying my best to elongate my days and my time, but it goes the other way. Before I know it, it's already dusk and sunset, another day has gone by and before I know it, it's another year passed. Last year, as I mentioned was my 70th birthday and I just had another birthday for my 71st. That was my year in this pandemic. The whole pandemic was passing by and it's now my 71st year and it's like a blink of an eye. Where did this year go? And I can only anticipate that between my 71st and 72nd years, it will go by even faster. It's bound to happen and that's what Moses was talking about.

Psalm 90:5-6 "You sweep them away as with a rain flood; they are as in a sleep: / In the morning they are like grass that comes up anew. / In the morning it flourishes and comes up anew; / In the evening it is cut down, and it dries up."

Moses said that one thousand years is just like fresh grass in the morning but is all cut down and dried up in the evening. One thousand years is just one day. Even Peter, the apostle said that we are like grass, just out in the morning and dead at night.

Psalm 90:7-9 "For we have been consumed by Your anger, / And by Your wrath we have been troubled. / You have set our iniquities before You, / Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. / For all our days have passed away in Your overflowing wrath; / We bring our years to an end like a sigh."

These verses are very poetic, very melancholy, but very real. Look, when the years are done and gone and you're on the death bed and about to go, the years are just like a sigh. Even if you are Bill Gates, and have amassed \$150 billion under your name, at that moment, we're all reduced to the same. It's just a sigh. Then you've got that money still there in the bank, but it means nothing to you. It has nothing to do with you when you build this empire. It's just a sigh and

we're all the same.

Psalm 90:10-12 "The days of our years are seventy years, / Or, if because of strength, eighty years; / But their pride is labor and sorrow, / For it is soon gone, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger, / And Your overflowing wrath according to the fear that is due You?"

This verse is why I requested this Psalm last year on my 70th birthday. The verse talks about the standard 70 years. But I must remind myself, don't get too excited as you don't know what will come next year. You don't know what will happen to you. Just be gracious, grateful, and thankful. But the verse continues, but their pride is labor and sorrow, for it is soon gone, and we fly away. If you really think about it, your life is just a bunch of labor and sorrow and then it's gone. And we all fly away to somewhere which is gone from this earth. Brother Lee has a good footnote here on this matter of the days of our years. He says, "If we take God as our dwelling place, we will realize that the span of our life on earth is brief and is full of sins and afflictions. We need to dwell in God, living in Him every minute for outside of Him, there are sins and afflictions." (Psalm 90:10, fn 1). That's quite descriptive of a typical life. We go back to verse one, and live in Him every minute, for outside of him there are sins and afflictions.

Psalm 90:12 Teach us then to number our days / That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

In verse 12 is Moses' prayer. I was taught this first when I was very young by my grandmother, who was quite responsible for my coming to the Lord. She would speak this verse, pray it and teach us to number our days, to count them, to lay it out, plan it, schedule it, if you will. To number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Numbering Our Days

In Ephesians 5, Paul said, "Look therefore carefully how you walk, not

as unwise but as wise, Redeeming the time because the days are evil.” (Eph 5:15-15). Those who are the wisest, are the people who number their days. In other words, those who would be wise in how they spend their time. You are the wisest person, if you know how to spend your time in the most proper, profitable, and meaningful way.

Eph 5:14-17 says, *Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Look therefore carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what he will of the Lord is.*

You know, when we are not numbering our days, and when we’re not living our days to the Lord and for the Lord, we’re asleep. We’re basically just like one who is fast asleep.

“...*Arise from the dead...*” To be in a sleep means you’re among the dead. The world is full of dead people and you’re just the same as the world is. Arise from that and Christ will shine on you.

“*Look therefore carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise.*” See what instructions these are from the apostle Paul? Take care how you walk and how you live every day, brothers and sisters. Every day how we live counts.

“*Carefully.*” Be careful. Don’t be sloppy and don’t be careless. Be wise in how you live and how you walk.

Seizing the Opportunities

“*Redeeming the time because the days are evil.*” According to Brother Lee in verse 16, footnote 1, “Redeeming the time” means “seizing every favorable opportunity. This is to be wise in our walk.” Every one of us each day has the same time. Your days are not longer than mine. It’s the same exact number of hours and the same exact number of minutes. We all have the same amount of time. Our years may be different, I may live longer, and you may not live as long, but daily, I

have the same amount of time as you do. God is fair. But then you say, “Well, what’s the point?” The point is not that I have more time, or you have less time. The point is how that time is used and whether that time is wasted or redeemed. Did you seize the opportunity that time afforded to you for something noble, something profitable, something purposeful and meaningful, or not? We have the same amount of time each day, but some people redeem it like a commodity, and some people waste it. It seems like some people have more time than others, but they all have the same time, and some redeem the opportunity and others waste the opportunity day after day and eventually to their regret. This is serious, brothers. If you’re as old as I am, then you think about these things. I look back and realize how much time I wasted, even in the church. I wish I didn’t, but it’s too late and I cannot get it back. When it’s gone, it’s gone. But thank the Lord, I still have some years ahead, I trust. I pray to the Lord in this way that I will exercise some wisdom in how I use my time that is measured to me.

“Because the days are evil.” Footnote 2 says, “In this evil age every day is an evil day full of pernicious things that cause our time to be used ineffectively, to be reduced, and to be taken away. Therefore, we must walk wisely that we may redeem the time, seizing every available opportunity.” The word “pernicious” describes the devil. The devil means “the pernicious one.” Again, we all have that amount of time, but for some, because they did not use their time effectively or profitably, their time will be reduced and even taken away from them. Therefore, we must walk wisely that we may redeem the time and seize every available opportunity.

Doing the Lord’s Will

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” In verse 17 we contrast wisdom with foolishness. What is foolishness? For those who do not understand what the will of the Lord is, it means that they don’t live for the Lord’s will; they live for their own will. If you live just for your own will, then you are wasting

all your time. At the end of the day or at the end of your life, you just wasted it. As I tell young people all the time, just remember that you have only one life. You're not a cat. The cat may have nine lives, but you and I have only one life to live. That's it. You can regret all you want, but you will not be given another chance. There's only one life, so you better think hard how you're going to live that life. Who are you going to live this life to? Think about that. There's only one life to live. We hope that at the end you will not be full of regret that you lived for the wrong thing or for the wrong purpose.

You may say, "What does this have to do with migration? What does this have to do with GTCA? I'm going to tell you – everything. I hope with this new move of the Lord in these ten cities, that every saint would go to the Lord and consider these things in the most serious terms before the Lord. How about your life right now and about your future years, how are you going to spend it? How are you going to use it? How are you going to redeem your time? How are you going to number your days? How are you going to be wise? Of course, it goes without saying that all of this is to instruct us that we should not live for ourselves, that we should not live a life in the world, that we should not exist in vanity in vain things, and that we should not put all the things that are not of the Lord as priority. We need to live, we need to do a job, we need to raise a family, and we need to be human. I'm not saying we shouldn't do that. But I'm saying how do you prioritize wisely to do the Lord's will?

Fifteen to twenty years ago in the FTTA training, I gave this schedule to the graduating trainees because I was deeply concerned for them that in the training they have a schedule – every day they wake up, they have morning revival, etc. I was very worried for them that the moment they stepped away from Anaheim then they would recede and go back to an unregulated life, into a life with no budgeting or schedule for the sake of doing the Lord's will. Now, this is not the Bible, and this is not legal, but is just my doing something that could hopefully serve as a tool for these ones. These were young saints

going on with their life post-training and I didn't want them to one day regret the wasting of their days and years. Therefore, I gave them this proposal as a boilerplate for them to use as a reference to order their own time. This will not be applicable for everyone; this is just a sample. Even in the world you want to accomplish something, and you want to live a proper kind of life. This has a lot to do with your schedule, your time, and how you order or budget your time. It's no different for us to live to the Lord for His purpose. We need to budget our time and order our time because time eventually translates into energy and our body exists in time. Where we spend our time, that's where we devote our energy. These two things are related. When you budget your time, basically you're budgeting your energy. Where do you use your strength to accomplish something? I have not only Ephesians 5:16 on redeeming the time, but I also have Romans 12:2 which speaks about presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice. The presenting of our physical body is holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

The Principles of How We Should Order Our Time

So, let's talk about time and body, body and time, or space and time. Those are the two dimensions that we exist in. Let's take care of both for the Lord's sake, let's look at our schedule. I would like to say, brothers and sisters, if I may, principally how we should order our time. What is the principle? I can think of three words or three verbs.

1. Simplify Our Life

Simplify it. It's getting too complicated. Thousands of things chase after you and call for your attention. Simplify your life. Brother Lee said, "Just live a simple life." That simple life allowed our brother to accomplish so much for the Lord. When your life gets so complicated and complex, all your energy is devoted to maintaining or sustaining it. Don't live a complicated life. Try to avoid complications. Be simple. Brother Lee told us, "Just be a simple man. Just be a simple woman." That's all we need to be.

2. Prioritize

Prioritize what's important and then go from there. Tithing is not just one tenth. We say we tithe, or we give. But tithing means giving the top tenth. If I give one tenth to the Lord, and it's the bottom tenth, that is not tithing. Tithing means I give the top tenth to the Lord, and the rest for some other purposes. The first tenth or the top tenth goes to the Lord. That's real tithing. So, the top tenth of our time and the top tenth of our bodily energy should go to the Lord. Prioritize. It should go to the church, it should go to the gospel, our time should go to all the things pertaining to God's will. That's how it should be. You just decide on it, you set it, and that's it. No discussion. Paul said, "I made this judgement." He just judged that, he made the decision, and that was it. None of this going back and forth, and back and forth. No. I'm for the Lord. I love the Lord. I'm for the Lord's recovery. That's it. Then you prioritize your time accordingly.

3. Live a Regulated Life

Number three, regulate your life. One problem with our scheduling is that we have no schedule, that means our life is not regulated. An unregulated life is actually an unhealthy life. You go to sleep any time you want, you get up any time you want, you eat when you want. You are living in an unregulated way. Let me tell you, that's not even good for your physical well-being. Living a regulated life requires some discipline, it keeps you healthy, makes you productive. We are all creatures of habit, once we adopt a good schedule, we can actually maintain it spontaneously after a while. But if we don't, from day to day, we're just be living hand to mouth. "Let me see, what am I going to do today? What am I going to do tomorrow? What am I going to do next week?" You spend so much time just thinking about those things, but when things are ordered and planned you don't need to waste time on that, you just live in a reasonable way. This schedule in front of you is just an example, brothers and sisters. Also, we have Psalms 90:12 speaking of numbering our days. It's very basic, I'm just taking a typical working saint's eight hours a day, including the commuting time, eating time, family time, and free time. The white blocks are all

open time. I started with 168 hours per week, of which 112 are waking hours. Then I started breaking them down and found that it's quite reasonable. It's very doable. The problem is that we spend a lot of the open time doing nothing good on our devices, just wasting time, brothers and sisters. It's not that we don't have enough time, it's that we waste the time. Just as an illustration you sleep 56 hours (some people need to sleep more or less, but I used 56 as a standard time). Most work 40 hours per week, sometimes you need to work more, but I certainly hope that we would not work 60 to 80 hours per week. That's not healthy. I don't mean that we don't work hard or from time to time need to do extraordinary things in our schedule to meet a deadline; sometimes we are required to do that. But I'm saying as a matter of something regular, you burn out working 60 to 80 hours a week. There are a lot of people that have gotten burnt out and it affected even their mental being, their mental health. That's not good.

I included 2.25 hours a day for meals. You may say, woah this is turning us into a bunch of soldiers or Marines with five-minute showers. Well, no, that's not the purpose. This is just to illustrate your eating time, the time it takes to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner. Included is also commuting time, some may need more, some less. Next is the green part. Do you see the green part at the top and at the bottom? Those are the times consecrated to the Lord. Your morning revival. I portioned out half an hour a day for morning revival. You say that's too long. That's not too long. Brothers and sisters, do you love the Lord? Do you like to spend time with Him? How about going to bed early and getting up earlier? We have the time; it's just that we mismanage our time and waste it. Personal prayer is scheduled for 15 minutes. Look, it's not very demanding. Bible and ministry reading is set at 45 minutes. I recently said 10 minutes in the morning, 10 minutes at lunchtime, and 10 minutes in the evening before bed. There you have 30 minutes a day. Cumulatively, you don't know how much health and constitution will be added to you if you go by a schedule. Next is companion prayer and fellowship, one or two hours

per week, those are the twos and threes that I've been talking about. Even one hour is good. Gospel shepherding one or two times per week is also on the schedule. I put two hours, you may not be able to do that much, it's okay. Some can do more, wonderful. I just put something down. Church meetings are scheduled for six hours on three days: Lord's Day, Tuesday prayer (Wednesday for some of you), and then a group meeting in a home. Adding them together you have the Lord's table one hour, prophesying one hour, prayer meeting one hour, and home meeting three hours. Sometimes it spills over, but again, I'm just putting six hours as the average. We all have to serve in the church on some practical Levitical service one day per week for one and a half hours. I even included free time, which is 28.25 hours. Free time means time for your family, time for yourself, time for this or that. If you divide 28 by seven that means each day you have 4 hours of personal time to go work out, run errands, buy food, have family time, or do different kinds of things. Now again, please do not take this legally. If you have children, or for various other reasons, this will be different. But still brothers and sisters, we can have a schedule even for busy moms, working brothers, and older folks. Don't think that when we get older we don't need a schedule. We still need a schedule because we are a purposeful people. Look at the final product, time spent working is 36%, eating is 14%, commuting is 6%, time consecrated to the Lord is 19 or 20%, free time is 25%, all adding up to 100%. I hope we can post the sample schedule on GTCA so it can be made accessible to the saints. This is not the ministry, it is just me putting something out there for our use.

Twelve Helpful “Two or Three” Practices

I want to go back to the twelve helpful “two or three” practices we discussed previously. This can also be made available to all of us, and maybe already has been. Again, this is not the Bible, this is not legal. This is just a suggestion, but I think a very reasonable and very helpful one.

1. Call on the Lord Two or Three Times after Waking Up

Number one, call on the Lord two or three times after waking up. Isn't that easy? Isn't that wonderful? Drinking and drawing water from the well of salvation two or three times will turn into many more times because this "schedule" eventually becomes spontaneous and natural, like breathing. We just do it.

2. Pray-read Two or Three Verses Every Morning

Number two, pray read two or three verses every morning with the help of *The Holy Word for Morning Revival*, or whatever else you use. Two or three verses every morning. Don't take too many verses. I don't quite agree with reading too many verses. Bible reading is different, I'm talking about our time with the Lord, take two or three verses at most. Most of the time I don't even get past two verses, many times actually only one. I masticate, take heed to the word, I pray-read the word, I breath the word in. It's a wonderful practice every morning, a practice which will vitalize us.

3. Pray to the Lord Two or Three Times Each Day

Number three, pray to the Lord two or three times each day. How about praying to the Lord in the morning for five minutes, praying to the Lord at noon when you have a lunch break, and five minutes in the evening? Some of us will eventually turn five minutes into ten minutes very quickly. Before you know it, you're praying 30 minutes per day. Wow. By the way, I want to make a fresh plug for beseeching.org. Saints, just subscribe. It will tell you what to pray for every day, and thousands of saints will be praying similarly. Why not? The co-workers in North America met recently and in unison want to continue using beseeching.org. We're almost at the one-year mark. Saints have said, please let us continue this; it's very useful. In fact, many of the co-workers say let's do this until the Lord comes back. Isn't this redeeming the time? When the Lord comes back, He will say "My goodness, you prayed. You prayed. Well done, good and faithful servant."

4. Read Two or Three Chapters of the Bible Daily

Number four, read two or three chapters of the Bible per day. Find the time. It doesn't take a long time.

5. Read Two or Three Life-Study Messages per Week

Number five, read two or three life-study messages per week. I hope every church will have a life-study reading schedule. Soon we'd like to put out a scheduling website to help the saints read 500 life studies in five years. Brother Lee said if you do so you're an excellent believer. You can do this by reading two or three life studies per week, even just reading two per week. Brothers and sisters, this will keep you nourished, supplied, and constituted. It will make you a vital and normal believer.

6. Attend Two or Three Church Meetings a Week

Number six, attend two or three church meetings a week. The Lord's Table, the prophesying meeting, the prayer meeting, and the group meeting. These are the meetings we should go to. Schedule them in, no questions asked, be habitual. The word practice in John's epistles means to do something habitually, to do something as a habit, not by inspiration.

7. Prepare a Two or Three Minute prophecy Every Week

Number seven, prepare a two or three minute prophecy every week. You can find the time. This is to supply the church, to minister to the saints. How good this is.

8. Be Part of a Vital Group of Two or Three

Number eight, be part of a vital group of two or three. All of us need to be in a gathering or group of two or three. I hope you are doing it. Do this intentionally and do this with a burden, brothers and sisters.

9. Fellowship and Pray with Companions Two or Three Times a Week

Number nine, fellowship and pray with these two or three two or

three times a week. We have time for that. In fact, some of the daily prayer can be with our two or threes. You have to schedule it; if you don't schedule it, you won't do it.

10. Spend Two or Three Hours Each Month to Contact People

Number ten, spend two or three hours each month to contact people. Visit your in-laws, your siblings that are not saved, visit some seekers, visit some unbelievers, contact some people on campus. I don't know where but spend the two or three hours contacting people. Two hours each month translates to 30 minutes per week. That's not much. That's not asking for much time specifically dedicated to contacting people, to taking care of people, to ministering life to people, to sharing the gospel with people.

11. Shepherd Two or Three Persons Regularly

Number eleven, shepherd two or three persons regularly. That means to always have two or three under your care. That's not too much.

12. Bear a Remaining Fruit Every Two or Three Years

Number twelve, bear remaining fruit every two to three years. Brother Lee told us to ask the Lord for remaining fruit every two or three years. My, if we would all do this in a regular way, brothers and sisters, the church will flourish, the number will grow, not in a kind of Pentecostal way, but in the regular normal way of life. I hope these practices will be helpful to us.

Conclusion

Brothers and sisters, don't be afraid of this. You may say this is for a kind of superman. No, this is not for superman, this is for you and me. I tell you, there's nothing but benefits that we will reap in spirit, soul and body. And if we mean business, if we are for the Lord, if we love the Lord, we will want to be here on the earth doing His will. We will want to contribute to the increase and growth of the Lord's recovery. We have to put our money where our mouth is so to speak. We don't only say and hope, no, we put into practice, we discipline ourselves,

we budget our time and energy to do these things. Over the years, you will see that we will profit ourselves very much by becoming a normal, vital, living group of believers. You will also see the profit in your Christian life in every respect. Not to mention that there will be a way for a new kind of church life in which we are steadily gaining the increase, not in a way of campaigns, not in a way of some movement, and certainly not in some kind of Pentecostal way where you do things when you like to or when you are so-called inspired, but in the way of life. Life you know is filled with regulations. In the end, a healthy life is a regulated life. The divine life is no different. We can all do this. I know it takes time to build up habits, I know that. Let's put in the time for the Lord's sake.