

Take the Time

Part One - No Time Like the Present

James 4:17, Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

There is no time like the present because procrastination robs us of productivity.

John 15:8, When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

There is no time like the present because procrastination doesn't eliminate work, it makes it harder.

Proverbs 12:24, Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.

Proverbs 18:9, One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

There is no time like the present - dreamers are often the worst procrastinators.

Proverbs 13:4, The appetite of the sluggard craves but gets nothing, but the desire of the diligent will be abundantly satisfied.

There is no time like the present because overcoming procrastination requires that we be honest with ourselves.

James 1:22, But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Overcoming procrastination requires that we see ourselves as stewards of the time we are given.

Ephesians 5:16, Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days.

There is no time like the present because to overcome procrastination we must focus on our "Why?"

Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.

There is no time like the present because overcoming procrastination requires us to face our fears.

2 Timothy 1:7, For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Proverbs 26:13, The slacker says, "There's a lion in the road - a lion in the public square!"

There is no time like the present because to overcome procrastination, we must get practical.

Luke 16:8, The people of this world look out for themselves better than the people who belong to the light.

Practical Measures Against Procrastination

1. Prioritize.

Matthew 6:33, But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

2. Use a calendar.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

3. Become accountable to someone.

Hebrews 13:17, Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

4. Break projects into tasks and tasks into steps.

Psalms 37:23, The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.

5. Eliminate distractions.

The Song of Solomon 2:15, Catch the foxes, the little foxes, before they ruin our vineyard in bloom.

Four Things We Must Not Procrastinate Over

1. Reconciling Relationships

Matthew 5:23-24, 23 So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, *24* leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God.

2. Putting a Wrap on Wrath.

Ephesians 4:26-27, 26 And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, *27* for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

3. Sharing Our Faith

Luke 14:21, The servant told his master what happened, and the master became so angry he said, "Go as fast as you can to every street and alley in town! Bring in everyone who is poor or paralyzed or blind or lame."

4. Responding to the Gospel

Hebrews 3:12-13,15, 12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a wicked heart of unbelief that turns away from the living God. *13* But exhort one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. *15* As it has been said: "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as you did in the rebellion."