

OPPORTUNITY

A woman with her arms outstretched, wearing a white dress, stands on a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with birds in flight, and the ocean waves are visible in the foreground. The overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of the setting sun.

Ephesians 5:16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, **redeeming the time.**

INTRODUCTION: Missed opportunities (unredeemed time) result in future regrets.

I. The Subject. *Redeeming time.* Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time,.....

Redeeming: *exagorazō*. To buy up, to buy up for one's self, for one's use. To make wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good, so that zeal and well doing are as it were the purchase money by which we make the time our own.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath **redeemed** us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To **redeem** them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Psalms 90:9-12 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

¹⁰ The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. ¹² **So**

teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Life span of 70 years:

1/3 spent sleeping = 23 years.	47 years left.
Developing ages 1-10 = 10 years.	37 years left.
Eating 1 hour @ day = 4 years.	33 years left.
Social Media 1 hour @ day = 4 years.	29 years left.
Entertainment 1 hour @ day = 4 years.	25 years left.

James 4:13-14 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:¹⁴ Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

The number one enemy of redeeming the time is procrastination.

II. The Setting. *Amidst evil days* Ephesians 5:16because the days are evil.

Evil: *ponēros*. full of labor, annoyances, hardships



III. The Substance. *This life and the next life*

A. The Sensual. (*This life*)

“Opportunity knocks only once.”

B. The Spiritual. (*The next life*)

“I had forgotten two magnitudes; I had forgotten the shortness of time, and I had forgotten the length of eternity.”

Thomas Chambers

