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“Regret Relief” (3)

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:15-17)

Leverage the Past

Psalm 77:7-11 – (7) “Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? (8) Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? (9) Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion? (10) Then I said, ‘I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High.’ (11) I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.”

Revelation 2:5 – “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”

Seize the Day

Proverbs 3:27-28 – (27) “Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. (28) Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it’—when you have it with you.”

John 9:4 – “We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.”

Consider Tomorrow

Proverbs 6:6-11 – (6) “Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. (7) Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, (8) she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. (9) How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? (10) A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, (11) and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.”

1 Timothy 6:18-19 – (18) “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, (19) thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Key Point: Wisely Use Time to Reduce Regret

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I have a part in minimizing potential regrets?

What are some practical ways to increase my wisdom quotient?

(James 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:15; Proverbs 11:14, 13:20)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)