

# LEADERS MANAGE THEIR TIME



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SCRIPTURE

## Ephesians 5:15–16

'So be careful how you live. Don't live like ignorant people, but like wise people. Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days.'



# O

OBSERVATION

Jesus had a busy ministry. Many people came to Him for healing, teaching, and help. Yet, Jesus woke up early in the morning, went to a quiet place, and prayed. Afterward, He continued His ministry to other towns to preach the good news.

Jesus shows us that good leaders are intentional about how they use their time. He did not allow the demands of the crowd to distract Him from spending time with His Father or fulfilling His mission. Time is a gift from God, and once it passes, we cannot get it back. Wise leaders plan ahead, prepare for their responsibilities, and focus on what matters most. They do not waste time or leave everything until the last minute.



# A

APPLICATION

As leaders, we must learn to use our time wisely. We can do this by planning our day, preparing for our responsibilities, and making time for God, school, family, and serving others.

Instead of waiting until the last minute to complete your tasks, start early and stay focused. Avoid distractions that keep you from doing what you need to do.

Today, ask yourself: 'Am I using the time God has given me wisely?'

**Leadership Lesson:** My time is a gift from God. I will plan well, prepare early, and use my time to fulfil His purpose.



# P

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the gift of time. Help me to be a wise leader who plans, prepares, and uses time well. Teach me to focus on what matters most, avoid distractions, and fulfil my responsibilities faithfully. Help me to use every opportunity to honor You and serve others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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## MONDAY

**JESUS MADE  
TIME TO PRAY**



**SCRIPTURE:**  
Mark 1:35



### REFLECTION:

Jesus had many people who needed His help, but He still made time to be alone with God in prayer. He woke up early in the morning and went to a quiet place to pray. Jesus teaches us that no matter how busy we are, we must make time for God. A good leader begins by putting God first and allowing Him to guide the day.



### CHALLENGE:

Set aside time to pray and read your Bible today. Plan when you will spend time with God, and keep that appointment!

## TUESDAY

**JESUS FOCUSED  
ON HIS MISSION**



**SCRIPTURE:**  
Luke 4:43



### REFLECTION:

Jesus knew why God had sent Him into the world. Even when people wanted Him to stay in one place, He remained focused on His mission to preach the good news of God's Kingdom. Jesus teaches us not to allow distractions to take us away from what God has called us to do. Good leaders know what is important and use their time to accomplish it.



### CHALLENGE:

Identify one important responsibility you need to complete today. Put away distractions, stay focused, and finish what you started!

## WEDNESDAY

**JESUS PREPARED  
HIS DISCIPLES**



**SCRIPTURE:**  
Mark 6:7-13



### REFLECTION:

Before sending His disciples out to minister, Jesus gathered them, gave them authority, and instructed them on what to do. He did not send them out without preparation. Jesus shows us that good leaders prepare before they act. When we plan ahead, gather what we need, and understand our responsibilities, we are better prepared to serve others well.



### CHALLENGE:

Before your next task, take five minutes to prepare. Gather your materials, understand what needs to be done, and make a simple plan.

## THURSDAY

**JESUS USED EVERY  
OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH**



**SCRIPTURE:**  
Luke 19:1-10



### REFLECTION:

When Jesus met Zacchaeus, He recognized an opportunity to connect with someone who needed God's love. He took time to visit Zacchaeus, and that encounter changed Zacchaeus's life. Jesus reminds us that using time wisely is not only about completing tasks; it is also about recognising opportunities to love, encourage, and help others. Good leaders make their time count by serving people.



### CHALLENGE:

Look for one opportunity today to encourage, help, or teach someone. Do not let the opportunity pass you by!

## FRIDAY

**JESUS FINISHED THE  
WORK GOD GAVE HIM**

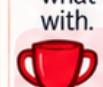


**SCRIPTURE:**  
John 17:4



### REFLECTION:

At the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke to His Father about completing the work He had been given to do. He remained committed to His mission even when it was difficult. Jesus teaches us that good leaders do not simply start tasks; they work faithfully towards completing them. Managing our time helps us fulfil our responsibilities and finish what we have been entrusted with.



### CHALLENGE:

Review your week. Is there a task you started but have not finished? Make a plan to complete it, and remember: Start well, stay focused, and finish strong!



Children's  
Ministry Devotions

**WEEKLY REMINDER:** My time is a gift from God. I will put God first, stay focused, prepare well, serve others, and finish what I start.