

Those Good Intentions

Most of us can look around and find reminders of good intentions.

We readily see areas where we never followed through to reach some goal. The seldom-used exercise equipment needs dusting. A piano intended to fulfill our dreams of happy family sing-alongs, well ... it sits silent. The painting of patio furniture is long overdue.

The books piled on the nightstand remain to be read. The laptop computer that was intended to be taken on vacation for the writing of a novel is still in its original packaging.

More importantly, there are the children who wait for attention. Every child has gifts and abilities waiting to be developed, and that takes time.

To tap into potential takes intentional, concerted effort. It doesn't just happen. Time for meaningful interaction and activity doesn't always appear to us as we juggle a full day of appointments and other commitments.

The time God gives to us is ours to spend, and we determine how to use it. We can fill it with life-building activities, or we can let it sift through our fingers hour by hour, day by day, week by week, until – before we know it – an entire year is gone and very little is accomplished.



As long as you are alive, your time – 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, 86,400 seconds a day – will be spent. It is up to you to decide how you are going to spend it.

Accept the challenge to make every moment count! When you take your child to the dentist, for example, make it an adventure – a time to listen, learn and share God's wisdom.

Look at what you have planned for today and set your priorities according to the goals you have established for your life. Do the same thing tomorrow and the next day.

Life can be more productive and more fulfilling – if we make it count!

While it is daytime, we must continue doing the work of the One who sent Me. Night is coming when no one can work (John 9:4 NCV).

– Beecher Hunter