

Unmanageable Unmanageable Time

I. Introduction

- A. Mark 8:35 (NAS) *"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."*
- B. In order to find meaning and purpose in life, you have to give your life away!
- C. The #1 thing that's destroying family life in America is that people are too busy!
- D. Romans 7:15-17 (NLT) *¹⁵I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.*
- E. Questions about your pace of life:
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
 - 5. _____
 - 6. _____
- F. Matthew 11:28-30 (NAS) *²⁸"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*
 - 1. A "yoke" is whatever cause, or dream, or goal you submit your life to.

II. Lessons From Nature

- A. The Lesson of the Birds
 - 1. Matthew 6:25-27 (NLT) *²⁵"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?"*
 - 2. "Stop living as if there's nobody looking out for you. Because the truth is, Someone is looking out for you!"
 - 3. Matthew 10:29 (NLT) *"What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it."*
 - 4. Matthew 10:31 (NLT) *"So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows."*
- B. The Lesson of the Dust

1. Psalm 103:12-14 (NLT) ¹²*He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.*
¹³*The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.*
¹⁴*For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.*
2. You are not perfect!
3. God knows I'm not perfect. God knows all about me, and He loves me and forgives me anyway!

C. The Lesson of the Grass

1. Psalm 90:5-6 (NLT) *⁵You sweep people away like dreams that disappear. They are like grass that springs up in the morning. ⁶In the morning it blooms and flourishes, but by evening it is dry and withered.*
2. Life is unspeakably precious. And time is unbelievably short.
3. You can only live one square at a time.
4. Take 10 minutes and do a little "life audit," a little "time audit."
5. "Am I filling up the squares well?"

III. Conclusion