



Time Management Tips for Church Folks

- **Our Time is a Gift** – Realizing that God has given us a precious gift of time can make or break the way we handle our time. For instance, remember every day allows us to have 24 hours or 1440 minutes or 86,400 seconds do we handle our time well in His sight?
- **We are Somewhere for a Purpose** – I am a firm believe that wherever you are in life, you are there for a reason. Your time allotted to you in you place in life is something of great purpose. For instance, notice the verses below,

“Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:13-14, ESV)

Mordecai encourages Esther to take action because of her position in the time they were living. Re-read the story of Esther and notice her place and the purpose she was able to live while there.

- **Your Time Involves Other People** – There are certain people in this world who are always late. It might never occur to them when they are late, they are showing that your time does not matter. Be considerate of others and at least call ahead when you are going late. Also remember this verse from Philippians,

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4, ESV)

Miscellaneous Tips for Finding Time:

- *Get up 15 minutes earlier and spend part of that time in prayer.*
- *Go to bed 15 minutes later and spent part of the time praying with/for your family.*
- *Encourage one person a day (send a card, email, phone call).*
- *Read one Psalm a day.*
- *Buy the Bible on CD and listen to it in your car—Build knowledge while driving.*

These are just a couple things to develop a mindset for “Time Management for Church Folk.” Developing a mindset is the first step in creating a life where your higher purpose creates better living!

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