Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 Wednesday Night Couples Groups Balancing Life's Demands-week 2

The Peace and Power of a Prioritized Life- Part 2

Two words hold the keys to enjoying the peace and power of a prioritized life:

A. Your TIME

¹⁰The length of our days is seventy years - or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. ¹¹Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. ¹²Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:10-12 (NIV)

 15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NASB)

Application:

- 1. Give your first and BEST TIME to God.
- 2. PROAPT = 20 minutes a day
 - P- Pray
 - R- Read
 - O- Observe
 - A- Apply
 - P- Pray
 - T- Tell
- 3. New Christian = Mark (less than a chapter a day) Older Christian = James (2-3 paragraph max. a day)
- B. Your MONEY

 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

Application: Four Commitments

- 1. GIVE the first portion of each paycheck to God.
- 2. PAY your bills next.
- 3. LIVE on the rest.
- 4. GET OUT of debt.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why does our use of time and money most accurately reflect our real priorities?
- 2. Lasting change demands deep, prolonged thinking. When this week will you set aside some significant time to think through and discuss your priorities with your spouse or close friend?

 3. What are some ways that you have a quiet time with God? What impact has it made in your life to spend time with God daily?
- 4. Why should how we spend our money reflect our priorities?
- 5. What are ways that you can grow in your commitment to handling your money better?