



It's About Time (II)

Ephesians 5:15-16

Thoughts on January

- Romans: the first time-recorders to start with January.
- Julius Caesar wanted to begin new year at winter solstice (Dec.21).
 - Coincided too closely with Saturnalia
 - He gave people ten days to sober up

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 - Mt.7:13-14, **strait** (narrow)
 - Mt.3:3; Ac.8:21; 13:10, **straight**

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- Gn.5:22 – Right Companion. Amos 3:3
- 1 Pt.1:9 – keep eye on goal. Ph.3

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Redeeming the time

Definite portion of time;
season; opportunity.

1. THE time: each moment gives opportunity for some work.
2. The TIME (sg.): as if our whole life is an opportunity.

‘Americans have more time-saving devices and less time than any other people in the world!’

Redeeming the time

Lay hold of, understand special significance of life as a whole; attitude toward circumstances.

1. Must buy, exchange something for it.
2. Merchant knows value of item; buys it at best time (opportunity). Costs him time and effort.
3. Col.4:5
4. Dn.2:8

Why are we here?

1. Sensualist: Ep.4:19.

‘...who being past feeling
have given themselves over
to licentiousness, to work
all uncleanness with greediness.’

Give over into another's hands,
as a hostage; surrender; concede

Hb.5:14

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1. Sensualist: Ep.4:19. Hb.5:14.
2. Businessman: Lk.2:49; Jn.17:4.
3. Student: Newton; Kepler
4. Christian: Ep.4:14.

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Ep.5:15

Wasted life; folly to keep temporal, fading pleasures and fail to acquire eternal ones

Mt.25 – accountability: **what did you do with your life?**

–Fun?

–Business? Made money?

Spend years packing for a trip . . .
then leave it all behind.

Ep.5:16, *days are evil*

We have enemies

Self is often our worse enemy

- Lack of effort
- Distractions

Ep.5:16, *time is limited*

Once past, irrecoverable

Gk. Myth: Caerus, personification of Opportunity

Bald except for one lock of hair on forehead.

Must be grasped by forelock.

1 Pt.4:3

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IV. Make The Most Of The Season

This is the Time

1. Understand will of God, 17
2. Filled with Spirit, 18
3. Under the influence... 19-21
4. Family, 5:22-6:4
5. Work, 6:5-9
6. Warfare, 6:10-17
7. Prayer, 6:18
8. Lost, 6:19-20