

TIMEOUT!

BEING INTENTIONAL ABOUT WHAT INTERESTS JESUS

Extended Notes for Sunday, May 11, 2014

TIME OUT!: *Being Intentional About What Interests Jesus*

Part 2 - Jesus is interested in PEOPLE

Introduction:

Have you ever found yourself saying, “I just don’t have enough time!” How do we prioritize our time for the Glory of God? In Philippians 2:21, the Apostle Paul commended his young disciple with being unique amongst fellow Christians because, while all others “looked after their own interests,” Timothy was interested in “the things of Jesus Christ.” For the next several weeks we are going to examine what Jesus was interested in and how God gives us time, as a gift, to invest it in those things.

Seven Timeless Truths About Time: (adapted from J. Oswald Sanders)

- 1. Everyone has been entrusted with the same amount of time*
- 2. God’s plan leaves sufficient time for the fulfillment of all His will for each day*
- 3. God expects of us daily only what is reasonable and achievable*
- 4. When we select our priorities carefully, they should not conflict with our obvious duties*
- 5. The conflicts and pressures we experience usually arise as we confuse human desires or pressures – either our own or those of someone else – with the duties God expects us to fulfill*
- 6. Time is too valuable to be spent on secondary matters when primary matters are screaming for attention*
- 7. “I didn’t have time” is usually the unconscious confession of someone who is making a wrong choice of opportunities*

Strength of moral character develops through the rejection of the unimportant

READ Titus 2:1-6

God's spiritual growth plan for is the "older" generation to pour into the "younger"

READ Titus 2:11-15

God's grace SAVES & CHANGES His people

God intends His church to be the channel of His saving/changing grace

Questions for Reflection:

1. The purpose of going to church is to worship God and be a channel of grace to others. Agree or disagree?
2. What is "sound doctrine"? Why is that important to Paul?
3. Why does Paul say that "sound doctrine" is lived out with mature Christians pouring into new Christians?
4. Who is God calling you to be a "channel of grace" to and for this week ?