"...This is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

Matthew 24:39-42

### Time Management

“Time is your most precious gift, because you only have a set amount of it.” (Rick Warren) Christians are tasked with managing time differently than non-believers. We must be certain that we seek God in everything we do, wisely planning out our days. Do you treat your time as a precious gift?

Moses prays, “Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12 NIV) A good way to gain wisdom is to learn to live with an eternal perspective. C.S. Lewis understood this: “If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought the most of the next.” In this present life we have the responsibilities and the pressure of the world competing for our attention. It is quite easy for much less important matters to swallow up our days. I challenge you to spend time in reflection in order to prioritize, set goals and delegate to ensure your focus remains clearly on our Creator.

Prioritize God first by scheduling regular daily time with God. It is He who equips us to carry out the tasks He has given us. It is He who directs our days. Understanding first that our time does not actually belong to us is the first step to being able to seek out His wisdom on how best to use it. Next, write down your priorities in order, making sure when interruptions occur during the day you utilize and pay attention to them and their order.

Set goals that match your priorities. Set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, within a Timeframe) goals. Pleasing God is a noble Godly goal: “So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.” (2 Cor 5:9 NIV) Strive for a quiet life: “and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.” (1 Thess 4:11-12 NIV) Quiet does not mean unproductive. Quiet refers to living a peaceful and intentional life, one that will yield respect and independence. And spread the gospel, “It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.” (Rom 15:20 NIV)

Delegate, delegate, delegate. Do you recall how Moses’ father-in-law Jethro wisely advised him to delegate some of his heavy work load? (Exodus 18:13-22 NIV) When your burden is heavy, yet you’ve entrusted God with managing your time, He will also entrust to you people in your life to delegate to.
Time is your most precious gift and it is to be used wisely. This can be achieved by bringing it to God in prayer. Next, write down your priorities, set goals to match those priorities, and delegate when feasible and necessary. I pray you have a blessed month.

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**Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

By Nena Lindrose

Each year CPFI student chapters across the country pack shoeboxes for [Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/). I have the privilege to work alongside CPFI member, Paul Branch, and others from his church, at Samaritan’s Purse national headquarters in Boone, NC. We pray over the shoeboxes and prepare them for delivery to locations around the world. Please consider packing a box this year. Encourage members of your church to participate and pray for the children that as they see the love of Christ and hear the good news, they will receive the gift of salvation and hope in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Samuel Chiang in ‘The Urgency of the Gospel’ shares, “The wonderment of it is that the child’s encounter is not with material things. By faith, encounter is with things unseen and they are receiving that for the very first time.” Click the video inks below to learn more.

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