

Practical Theology - GBC
Priorities / Usage of Time

- 1) What is time? What is the difference between χρόνος / chronos and καιρός / kairos?
- 2) Why is time usage and indicator of whether a person is wise or foolish?
- 3) Explain Ephesians 5:15-16
- 4) Explain Ecclesiastes 3:12-11
- 5) What are the “seasons” of life? What are the major characteristics of each season?
- 6) What was Jesus’ example in the use of His time?
- 7) What is the overall purpose God had in creating man?
- 8) How can man fulfill that purpose in ways that are different from the rest of creation?
- 9) What is God’s in redeeming man from sin through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 10) How does God glorify Himself in Christians in contrast to the rest of humanity?
- 11) What are the two great commandments? Why do those set the priority for all mankind?
- 12) Describe how man can fulfill the great and foremost commandment - Matthew 22:36-38?
- 13) Describe how man can fulfill the second great commandment - Matthew 22:39?
- 12) What higher standard of love is commanded of Christians? What is necessary for a Christian to be able to fulfill it?
- 13) Rank the priority you give to each of the following general categories. Be prepared to explain your reasoning?

A) Love for neighbor	B) Love for God	C) Love of wife / husband
D) Love for another Christian	D) Love for children	E) Love of country
F) Love for extended family	F) Love for your Church	G) Love of work
- 14) It is a weekday. Circle the activities that would be of the highest priority to make sure it was accomplished. Underline the activities of secondary priority that you would try to accomplish if possible. Draw a line through the activities you would do only if it was convenient.

a) Care of sick spouse / child	b) Attend a Bible study	c) Go to work
d) Attend child’s ball game	e) Personal devotions	f) Watch / read the news
g) Do a fun activity with spouse	h) Help a neighbor in need	i) Keep a promise
j) Do daily household chores	k) go shopping	l) Do something entertaining

15) It is your normal day off work. Circle the activities that would be of the highest priority to make sure it was accomplished. Underline the activities of secondary priority that you would try to accomplish if possible. Draw a line through the activities you would do only if it was convenient.

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| a) Do an activity with family | b) Attend a Bible study | c) Personal devotions |
| d) Attend child's ball game | e) Watch / read the news | f) Care for sick spouse / child |
| g) Help a neighbor in need | h) Keep a promise | i) Do something entertaining |
| j) Do weekly household chores | k) Do something entertaining | l) Go shopping |

16) It is Sunday. Circle the activities that would be of the highest priority to make sure it was accomplished. Underline the activities of secondary priority that you would try to accomplish if possible. Draw a line through the activities you would do only if it was convenient.

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| a) Help a neighbor in need | b) Attend worship service | c) Go shopping |
| d) Care for sick spouse / child | e) Attend sporting event | f) Take a nap |
| g) Watch / read the news | h) Keep a promise | i) Do something entertaining |
| j) Do weekly household chores | k) Do an activity with family | l) Personal devotions |

Case Studies

- 1) You are asked to speak to the young adult Bible study on the topic of time management. What key points would you want to make sure you covered?
- 2) A young man asks your advice regarding a young lady he has been dating a few months. He greatly enjoys her company, but he is starting to find it difficult to complete his normal chores and commitments. What advice would you give him about keeping his life properly balanced?
- 3) A couple asks your advice about their child's interest in sports. They want to encourage that interest, but at the same time they do not want to neglect religious training, and most of the games are on Sunday making it difficult or impossible to attend regular worship services. What would you advise?
- 4) A man in your church who has a wife and three children (ages 14, 11 & 7) asks your counsel about a job offer he has received. It would be a 40% pay increase, but it would be a longer commute, require some traveling, and would change from hourly to salary. What questions would you ask? What advice would you give him?
- 5) A man in your church is offered an attractive buyout from his company that would allow him to retire a couple of years early, however, if he continued to work another four years his pension would increase by at least 20%, perhaps more. He had not previously given much thought to retirement. What questions would you ask him to help him think through his options and the best course of action?