Sort It Out

A good bit of sand has trickled through the hourglass of your life during the past 5 days. Let's see if we can sort out your use of God's time. There are many ways to do this., but let's try this: Go back to your chart. Mark each item with LG or LN as follows:

LG: Loving God activities. Which of your activities during this week reflect your love for God – His presence, Word, salvation, work, creation, or appearing? Which are a manifestation of the fear of God in your life? How, looking at your life during this week, is it clear that love for God is the guiding motif of your life?

LN: Loving neighbors activities. Jesus was Seeker, Servant, Shepherd, Sower, and Steward toward others. In which of your daily activities can you see these roles reflected or being fulfilled? How is it evident from the time of your life that you love your neighbors as Christ loves you?



Your Totals

Enter the totals for how you used the time God gave you this week:

Amount of LG time: ____

Amount of LN Time:

How do you feel about the amount of time devoted to each of these outcomes during the past 5 days?

How much of the time of your life would you describe as having been wasted, or at least, difficult to put into one of these two categories, during this period?

On a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is the highest rating, how would you assess your overall use of the time of your life during the past 5 days?

Why did you choose that number?

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The Time of Your Life

The Time, not Your Time

It is significant, in Ephesians 5.15-17, that Paul refers to time in an absolute sense: *the* time, rather than, as we tend to think, *your* or *our* time. Our time is not our own. Time, as Jonathan Edwards explained, is a precious gift from God, the succession of moments flowing from our Creator, through our present, and back to Him again. Time is like the talents in Jesus' parable (Matt. 25.14-30), and what God intends is that we should "make the best use of the time" so that, when each moment returns to Him, it will be glistening with glory and radiant with fruitfulness and praise.



Evaluating Your Use of God's Time

Monitoring the Time of Your Life

You may find it instructive to keep track of the time God gives you for a typical work week. The chart to the right is set up for you to monitor time usage for 5 days. Write down your activities as you complete them. You can use abbreviations if you like. Make sure to fill up the entire chart, putting each activity in its proper time slot for each day. Then continue to the back of this brochure to evaluate your usage of God's time.

	Day/Time	6 am	8 am	10 am	Noon	1 pm	3 pm	5 pm	7 pm	9 pm
	Monday									
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	Friday									