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"Redeeming the time,
because the days are
evil." Ephesians 5:16



DAILY DOCTRINE: One Day at a Time

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1. God only provides enough spiritual resources to live one day at a time. He does not provide strength for future days—hence, don't waste time worrying about the future, there is enough evil/distractions in each day, Matt. 6:34.
2. The believer oriented to the grace of God regards every day alike: a gift from God, Rom. 14:5-6. Every day is a special day. One day is no holier than another day.
3. Every day is a gracious gift from the Lord to be redeemed for the Lord, Eph 5:16-18, "redeem/purchase" time = in fellowship.
4. God's plan for you is numbered in days not years, cf. James 4:13-15.
5. God's plan for the believer in time is to know, enjoy, love, and glorify God, Matt. 22:37-38; Rom. 11:36 . This priority will bring forth fellowship, growth in the Word, spiritual maturity, production, and witnessing.
6. God provides the resources to make each day count for Him under the concept of options to move into greater grace and greater production, James 4:6; Eph. 2:10.
7. Each day the believer is to avoid the mental attitude sins which produce self-induced misery, cf. Prov. 27:1.
8. It is only now, during our present lives, that God can demonstrate His love to us in developing virtue in us through the modality of unjust suffering, Psa. 102:1-2; Lam. 3:22-23. God cannot zap the believer with such virtues as love and courage—these have to be developed. It is through the trials of life that we gain virtues like authentic persistent love and courage in the face of challenges and threats.
9. By orientation to each day and living out that day for the Lord, we can actually present to God a heart of wisdom, Psa. 90:12.

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