**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. July 15, 2018**

**Don’t Waste Your Time**

Ephesians 5:15-17/Colossians 4:5-6

**Key Truth:** Because the Lord is speaking today, we cannot put off obedience until tomorrow.

**Enemies Of Time:**

1. Procrastination - is the avoidance of doing a task that needs

to be accomplished.

2. Fear - a distressing emotion aroused by impending danger,

evil, pain, etc., whether the threat is real or imagined.

3. Deceit – the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid

what is false or invalid.

**Redeem The Time:**

1. Understand your purpose in life.

A. In order to understand your purpose you must start with

God.

B. God created you for a purpose and until that is realized you

will be on the continual treadmill of life.

C. God purpose for your life is found first in Jesus Christ.

1. A loving relationship that is built on trust.

2. Discipleship that looks upward, inward and outward.

2. Make the most out of your opportunities.

A. We must take the time to prepare for the opportunities

that may come our way.

B. Surround yourself with people who make you hungry for

God, touch your heart and nourish your soul.

C. Don’t live for the applause of others but live for the

affirmation of God.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Commit yourself to making the most of the opportunities that will come your way. Ask for the wisdom and insight to hear the voice of God this week and the courage to put action to what you hear.

**Food For Thought**

For the week of July 15, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

What is the one, regularly occurring task that you always put off instead of doing immediately? What is it about that task that makes you procrastinate?

In what sense is procrastination a spiritual issue? How does procrastination affect our relationship with God? How might it affect our relationship with others?

Read Hebrews 3:13-15.

What is the role of the Christian community according to this passage? Does it surprise you that one of the roles of community is to warn each other? Why or why not?

How does this warning from Hebrews relate to the wisdom from the above passages in Psalm 90 and Ecclesiastes 11?

According to this passage, what might be the effect of continuing to put off until tomorrow what must be done today?

Why is responding immediately when you hear the voice of God an act of faith? What does doing so show you believe about His character?