

## MESSAGE NOTES



**Message:** How to Make the Most of Your Summer

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<sup>15</sup> So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don't be fools; be wise: <sup>16</sup> make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good. <sup>17</sup> Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (TLB)

**Be Sure to P.A.C.K. carefully!**

**Pray...pray again...pray some more.**

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

John 15:5-6 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! <sup>8</sup> When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

John 15:7-8 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. <sup>3</sup> And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

James 4:2-3 (NLT)

**Accept reality – nothing and no one is perfect!**

<sup>10</sup> Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away. <sup>12</sup> Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.

Psalms 90:10,12 (NLT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

**Consider the needs and interests of others first.**

<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

<sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup> Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Romans 12:9-11 (NLT)

**Keep your eyes open to God's assignments.**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

Colossians 4:5 (NLT)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB- The Living Bible