

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I believe one of the greatest sins is our poor stewardship of the time and the opportunities God gives us. Through the years, I've met wonderfully gifted, talented people who never rose to their potential. They had the same opportunities as others, but they were lazy and squandered time and opportunities. I've noticed that often, these people are envious of others who are better stewards. Diligent people tend to be blessed people, and lazy people tend not to go as far as their dreams and expectations might have dictated they should have gone. All of us are born with at least one thing in common. Time.

Let me say it another way. All we have with which to be Christ-like and to accomplish His will is time. We're all born with an expiration date.

That's why Ephesians chapter 5, verses 15 through 17, is so critical to our effectiveness. Listen to these words; “Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Let me make three quick observations about this text. First of all, we need to be cautious about our conduct. Don't be haphazard; look at your priorities. Be intentional about your life. Number two; be urgent about seizing the opportunities God brings your way. Life is short. It's unexpected. Thirdly, be diligent in pursuing God's will. Find out what He wants. Pay attention to what He says. Immerse yourself in His Word and prayer. We can't assume we know what God wants. Find out what He wants, and then get on with it.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Laziness is sin because it assumes we're in control of our lives. Let's get up and get after it!