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Studying Bible?	Praying?	Ministering?								
Attending church? _	Parenting?	Spousing?								
Getting ready?	Driving?	Cooking?								
Cleaning?	Working?	Watching TV?								
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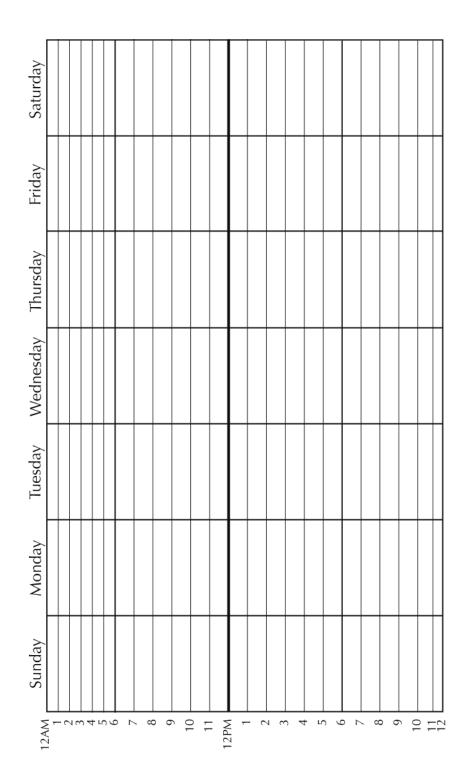
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Teaching Notes:

Intro story:

Our favorite restaurant before we moved to Atlanta: Alioli's – average cost was \$22-\$27, but wonderful food, atmosphere, live guitarist, even wrote a song about us!

That money was a good investment!

Compare with what we spend to go out today. Do we still get the same for our money?

We put a lot of thought and effort into making sure we get the most out of our money. I'm not sure that's the most important return on investment we should be concerned about.

One of the most frequent things that I hear people say when they are asked to do something – and by far the most common thing I say – is "I don't have time."

Most of my life I have strived to earn money. But a year or two ago I heard something that totally shook me, and definitely rang true: "Time is the ultimate currency."

Maybe that's why I get so frustrated when I see someone in a modest house sitting on their porch just watching the world go by. I have to admit that there are people who have far less money than I do, but they are far wealthier.

This lesson is an attempt to help us realize that we may be very poor stewards of the most scarce resource we have been given by God. And to cause us to reevaluate what we are doing with it.

Bible Study:

Redeeming means: to buy, ransom, rescue from loss

It's the same word used to describe Jesus' redeeming us in Gal. 4:5

Time means: time, season, opportunity

Practical Application:

I'm not sure what to recommend as a practical application.

Putting a quarter into a jar every day. Taking one out.

Reducing the amount of TV you watch – or Facebook.

Maybe viewing your hours as investments into the bank that will pay eternal dividends – or not.