

Session 4: Pounds  
"Remember how  
short my time is"

Reading:  
1 Timothy 6:6-10

# What is a giant?

- Anything that gets in the way of our journey to the Kingdom.
- It could be a person, a problem or a sin.

*Personal*

Things about me

*People*

Relationships with  
others

*Pounds*

Resources: time  
and money

*You can never have too much...*

Money or time

*You can have too little!*

Money or time

*You will always be able to find...*

Someone richer and someone poorer!

Time

# *Daily activities*

Eating  
Playing  
Working  
Sleeping

*Do you sometimes feel like this?*

Remember how  
short my time is.

*Psalm 89:47*

## Is time important?

Walk in wisdom them that are  
without, **redeeming** the time.  
*Colossians 4:5*

to buy up,  
rescue  
from loss

“Time wasted is  
time lost”

## *Is time important?*

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*Colossians 4:5*

See then that ye walk  
circumspectly, not as fools,  
but as wise, redeeming the  
time because the days are evil.

*Ephesians 5:15,16*

exactly,  
diligently,  
perfectly









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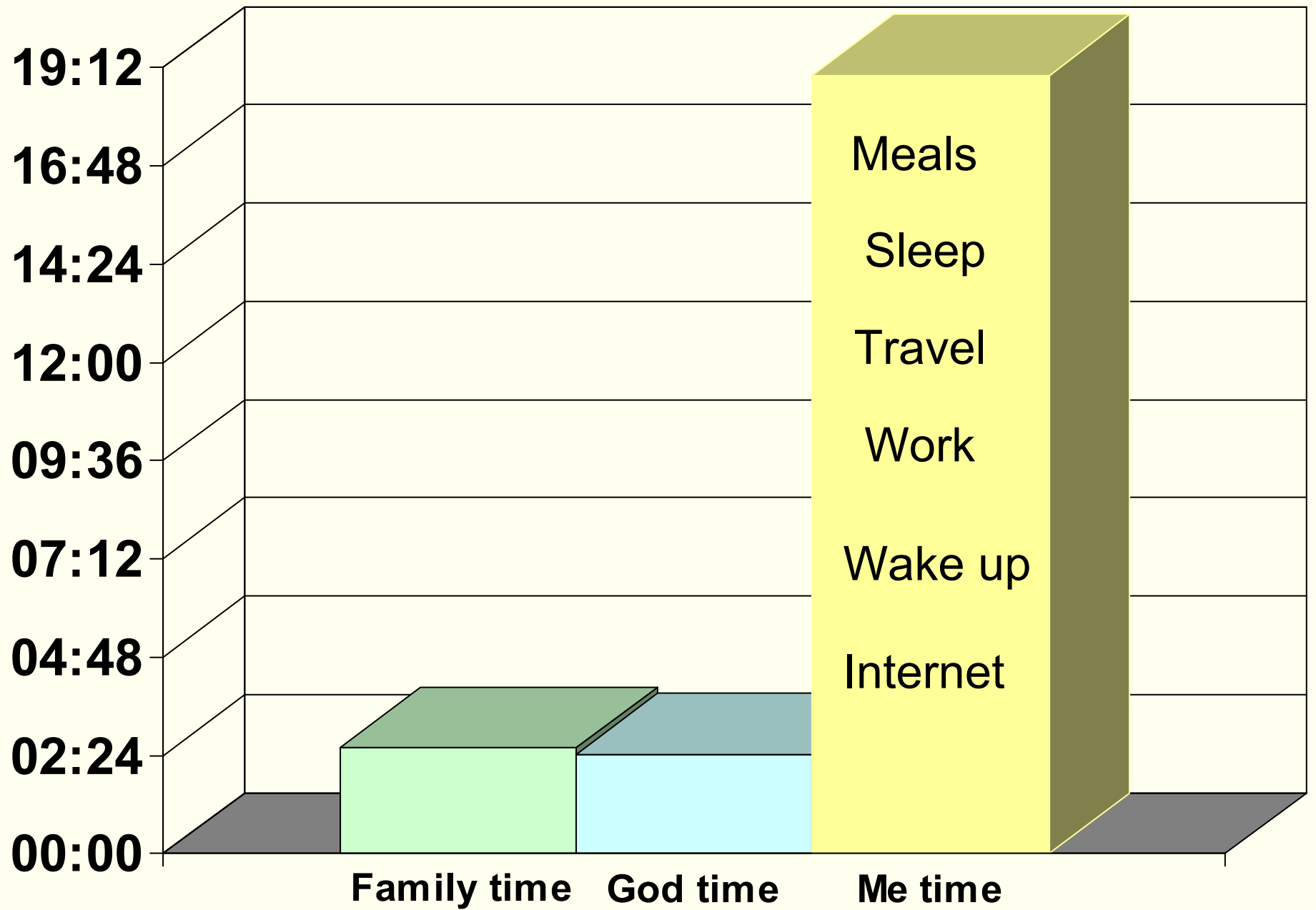
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## *How should we look at our lives?*

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

*1 Corinthians 10:31*

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

*Colossians 3:23*

## *Helpful tips*

- Think carefully about how you spend your time.
- Decide what is most important in your life.
- Develop a routine including those things.
- Let it include time to read your Bible, think and pray.

Money

Proverbs 30:15, 16

# Never enough?

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*Proverbs 30:15*

05936. **to suck**; the leech:— horse-leech.

*Strong's Concordance*

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There are various species in ... Palestine... That here referred to, the Hoemopis, is remarkable for the coarseness of its bite, and is therefore not used for medical purposes.

They are spoken of... with feelings of aversion and horror, because of their propensity to fasten on the tongue and nostrils of horses when they come to drink out of the pools.

*Easton's 1897 Bible Dictionary*

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the earth that is not filled with  
water; and the fire that saith not, It  
is enough.

*Proverbs 30:15,16*

# "The grave"

Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

*Proverbs 27:20*

# *“The barren womb”*

“Give me children, or else  
I die.”

*Genesis 30:1*

*“the earth that is not filled with water”*

*“the fire that saith not, It is enough”*

Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

*James 3:5*

*A law of nature and human nature!*

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## *Still true today*

Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not **enough**; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

*Haggai 1:6*

He that loveth silver shall not be **satisfied** with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

*Ecclesiastes 5:10*

to be full



## *What Paul learned*

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*“I am strengthened for everything in Christ...”*

“Do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’. For the Gentiles seek all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

*Matthew 6:31-33 RSV*

*1 Timothy 6:6-10*

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"to ward off, to raise  
a barrier" - against  
covetousness

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a trap

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ruin and loss



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## *Pray for God's blessing*

Do not give me poverty or riches;  
**tear my portion of bread**, that I  
may not become full and deceive,  
and say, Who is Yahweh? Or that I  
not become poor and steal, and  
violate the name of my God.

*Proverbs 30:8,9 (Green's Literal)*

“Give us **this day** our daily bread.”  
*Matthew 6:11*

## *Helpful tips*

- Everything we have comes from God and belongs to Him for His service
- Count your blessings: don't compare yourself with others
- Get your priorities right. Remember: God knows what you need

Summary

*Personal*

Things about me

We are battling against the flesh.

It is not an equal battle: if we are on God's side, we can share Christ's victory over sin and death.

## Questions

- If we agree with God's view of our own nature, how can we best help to deal with it?
- If we agree illicit sexual activity offends God, should we watch it in films?
- If we think violence is objectionable, should we play computer games that glorify it?

*People*

Relationships with  
others



God has created us as social beings: we benefit companionship.

Good friends will help us towards the Kingdom of God.

## Questions

- If your own brother or sister was in trouble, would you try to help?
- Would you help another member of God's family if you saw them going away from Him?
- Would you let them carry on without saying anything?

*Pounds*

Resources: time  
and money



We can never have too much  
time or money.

The path of wisdom is to enjoy  
what God has blessed us with  
and to use all our blessings for  
Him.

## Questions

- If we believe our lives are a gift from God, how can we best use our time to glorify Him?

## *Explore a bit further?*

Taking Control – Bro Rob Hyndman

The way of a man with a Maid – Bro Ron Abel

Test Case for Canada – available from the Christadelphian Scripture Study Service

*The Kingdom of God*

*Personal*

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

*Isaiah 40:30,31*

## *People*

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

*Revelation 21:2,3*

## *Pounds*

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

*Revelation 5:13*

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