

God's Time Principles

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Genesis chapter one is amazing. God accomplished so much, so fast. These were the most productive days in history. And that's where we can draw out some of God's time principles. Follow God to be more productive!

1. God focused on one type of task each day. He had an orderly plan. He made what was needed first and built on that.
2. God first made light. We need light to see and we need to be en-light-ened. We need to seek the light first, before plunging ahead in darkness and chaos. That's why we need prayer and Scripture first. Then God devoted his time to fruitfulness.
3. God sorted the heavenly from the earth and divided time into segments of days, hours, and seasons. We can't do everything in a day or even a year, but God will continue to give us new days. We can make sure we divide our days with time for the mundane tasks and also time for the heavenly tasks of worship and what God has called us to do for Him.
4. God created plants that produce fruit. Be sure you get involved in some tasks that are fruitful.
5. God made creatures that multiply. See what you can replicate and automate, so it will multiply result
6. God created man to whom he gave a purpose that can continue to be productive.
7. God also created a helper for man as he knew we need to work with others.
8. God took time to rest and enjoy his workmanship, and to give us an example of resting.

Remember

- Strive for the light first. Find God's wisdom.
- Focus efforts on areas where you can sow to produce fruit and allocate different tasks to different days, Sort out the needs and benefits of tasks, both eternal ones and mundane ones. Look to build a team of helpers instead of being a lone ranger, including a prayer team.
- And take time to rest and enjoy the fruits of your labor.
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Home as a haven



By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established, through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. Proverbs 24:3-4

Home should offer a retreat from the world where each person feels comfortable, finds rest, shelter, and acceptance. Each room should fill a family member with treasured memories, joy, and hope.

MAKE YOUR HOME COMFORTABLE

Have a room with comfortable seats where people can relax, talk or play games.

Stock healthy snacks to refresh family members.

Be and encourage others to lovingly accept of each person's uniqueness.

Don't compare children or place unrealistic expectations on anyone.

Let your children know when they can invite friends over.

Teach everyone to be hospitable to company.

Smile when you look at your loved ones.

FILL THE HOME WITH BEAUTY AND ORDER

Keep the home clean and organized. Enlist family support to do this.

Add touches of beauty and color.

Keep a living room ready for guests.

Resource: www.messies.com.

CREATE A SAFE SHELTER FROM THE WORLD

Monitor electrical outlets, cords, and appliances for safety.

If young ones are in the home, make it a safe environment (Cover electrical outlets, Lockup poisonous cleaners and breakables, etc.)

Use appropriate locks and security systems for your neighborhood.

Keep communication open and friendly. Listen more and talk less.

Be open so children will feel at ease talking about difficult problems (i.e. bullying or abuse).

Obtain and check references for babysitters.

Hold meetings to discuss improvements.

CREATE MEMORIES

Let favorite recipes become traditional meals.

Take photos and place them in scrapbooks.

Schedule family times and include fun activities.

Incorporate your heritage or traditions at holidays.

Create your own family traditions.

BUILD COMMUNICATION SKILLS AT ALL TIMES

☺ Speak with love.

☺ Smile when speaking. Love will be in your voice.

☺ Talk about a problem while it is still small.

☺ Note how often you speak, your tone and words.

☺ Speak random words of kindness and praise to sprinkle your children with joy.

☺ Listen. Ask questions to be sure you understand.

☺ Give clear, specific directions. Ask the listener to repeat the message.

☺ Consider the words someone speaks you as a gift.