

The TIME of my life

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“ How to make the best of our time”

Isaiah 43 : 10-12

“ You are my witnesses” declares the Lord, “ And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed and there will be none after Me. I , I am the Lord and there is no Saviour besides me.

God het besluit om ons as mens deel van Sy plan te maak

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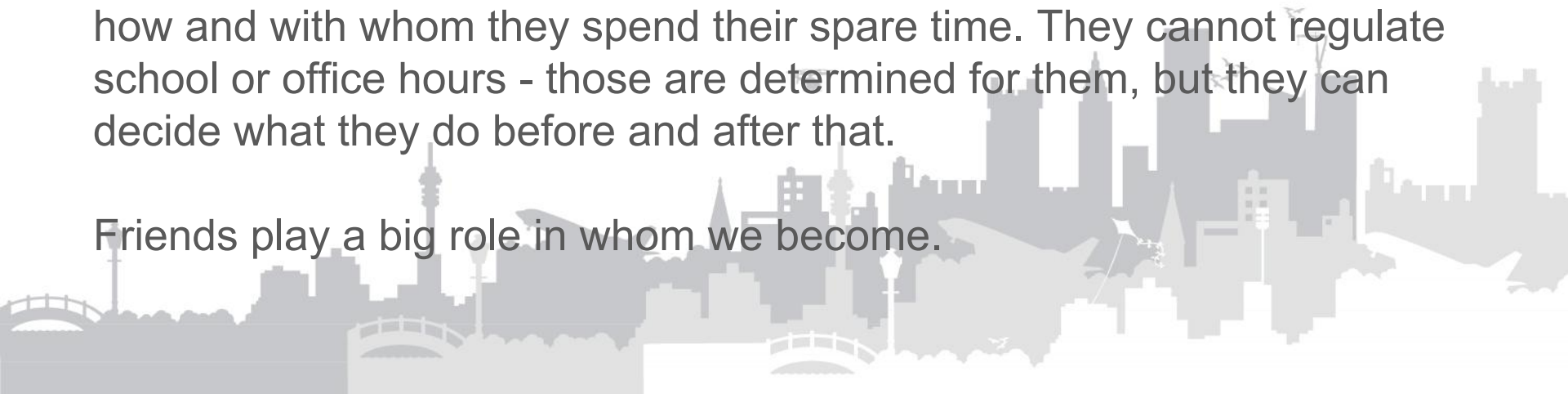
INTRODUCTION

Eph 5: 16Redeeming the time....(Amp - making the very most of your time(on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence)

Time has been defined as a stretch of duration in which things happen. The quality of a man's leadership is revealed in what happens during that stretch of duration.

The character and careers of young people are determined largely by how and with whom they spend their spare time. They cannot regulate school or office hours - those are determined for them, but they can decide what they do before and after that.

Friends play a big role in whom we become.

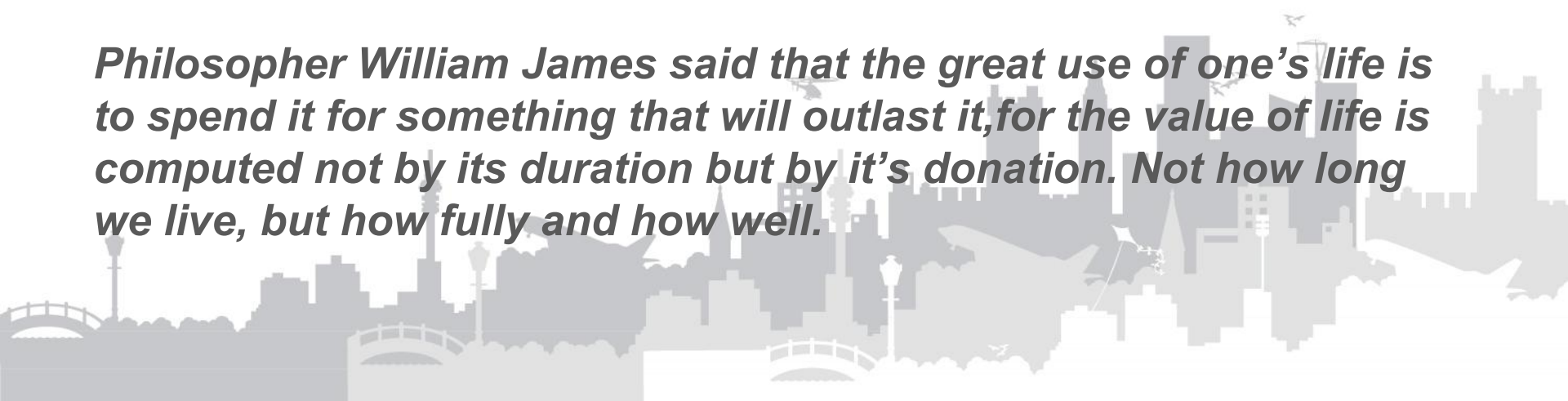


The manner in which we employ our surplus hours (After work, eat, sleep) will determine if we are mediocre or someone to be reckoned with - ***“Show me your friends and I will tell you who you will become”***

Leisure hours present fantastic opportunity or it could be a very subtle danger. Each moment of the day is a gift of God and should be treated with care.

Our hours and days will keep on being used up, but they can be used purposefully and productively.

Philosopher William James said that the great use of one's life is to spend it for something that will outlast it, for the value of life is computed not by its duration but by it's donation. Not how long we live, but how fully and how well.

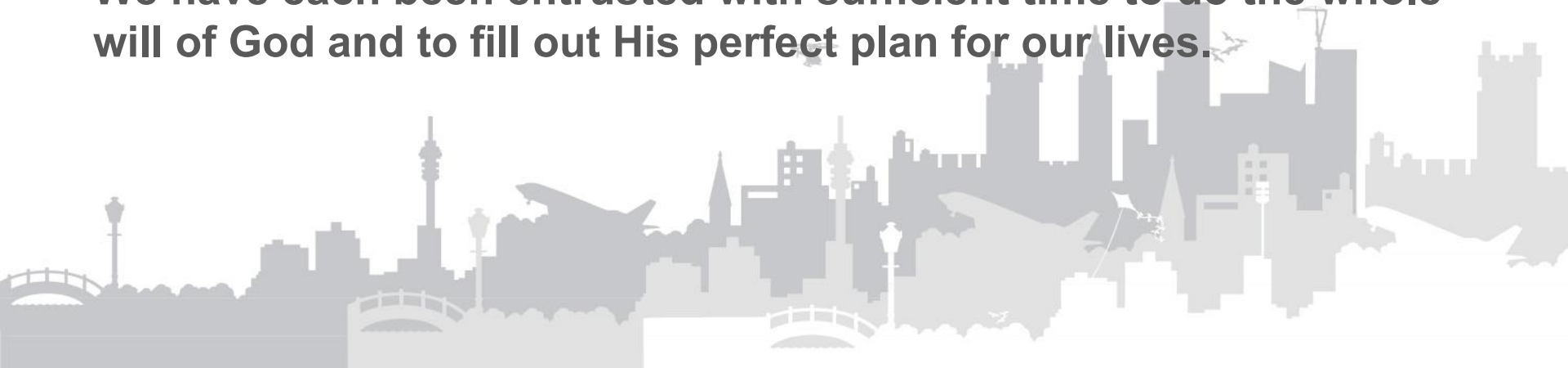


In spite of its preciousness and vast potential, there is nothing which we squander so thoughtlessly as time.

Psalm 90:12 “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” - Moses considered it so invaluable a commodity that he prayed to be taught to measure it by days, not years

A sentence which will seldom be heard on the lips of a good leader is “I don’t have the time”. very seldom is it strictly true. It is usually the refuge of the small and inefficient person.

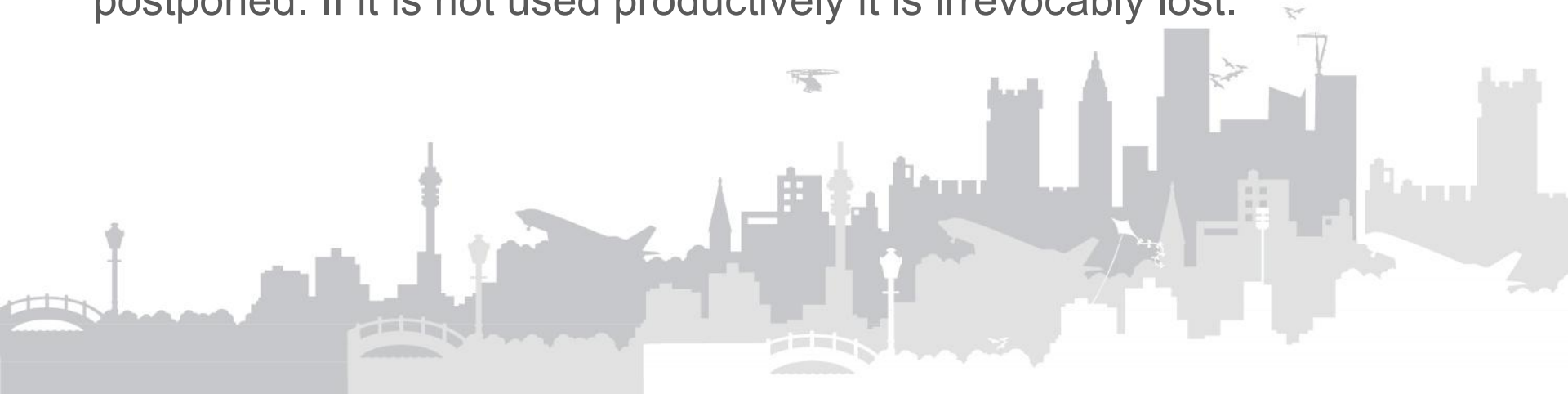
We have each been entrusted with sufficient time to do the whole will of God and to fill out His perfect plan for our lives.



When Paul urged the Ephesian Christians to “redeem the time”, he was indicating that in a sense time becomes ours by purchase. There is a price to be paid for it’s highest employment.

We exchange time in the market of life for certain occupations and activities which may be either worthy or unworthy, productive or unproductive.

Time can be lost, but it can never be retrieved. Every moment is precious. It cannot be hoarded, it must be spent. nor can it be postponed. If it is not used productively it is irrevocably lost.

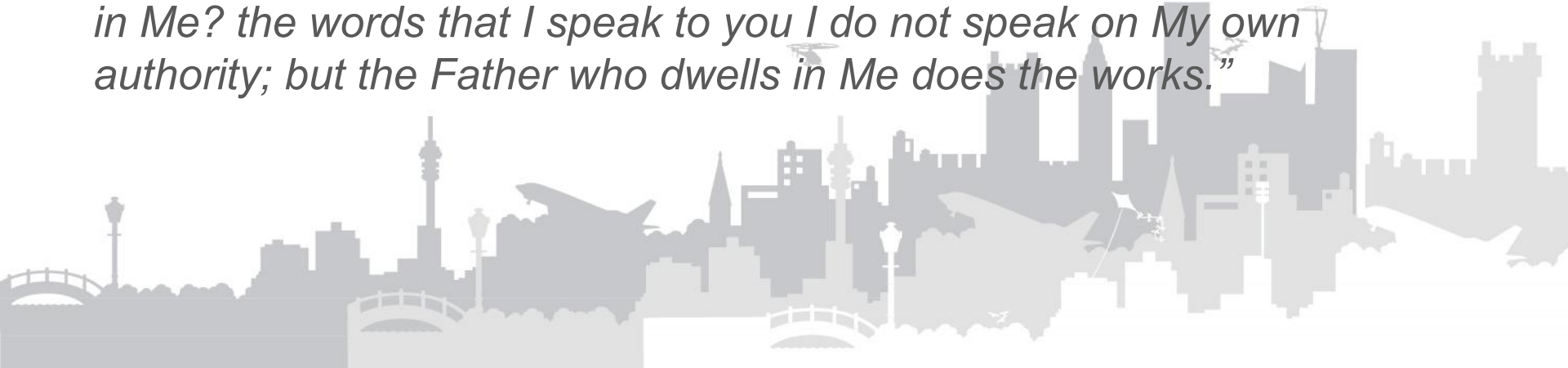


Jesus' example

Jesus moved through life with measured tread, never in a hurry. To those who came to Him for help He gave the impression that He had no more important concern than their interests. **As in all else our Lord sets the perfect example of the strategic use of time.**

The secret of Jesus is that He never reacted, but always acted and worked **according to His Father's plan for His life-** *a plan that embraced every hour and made provision for every contingency*

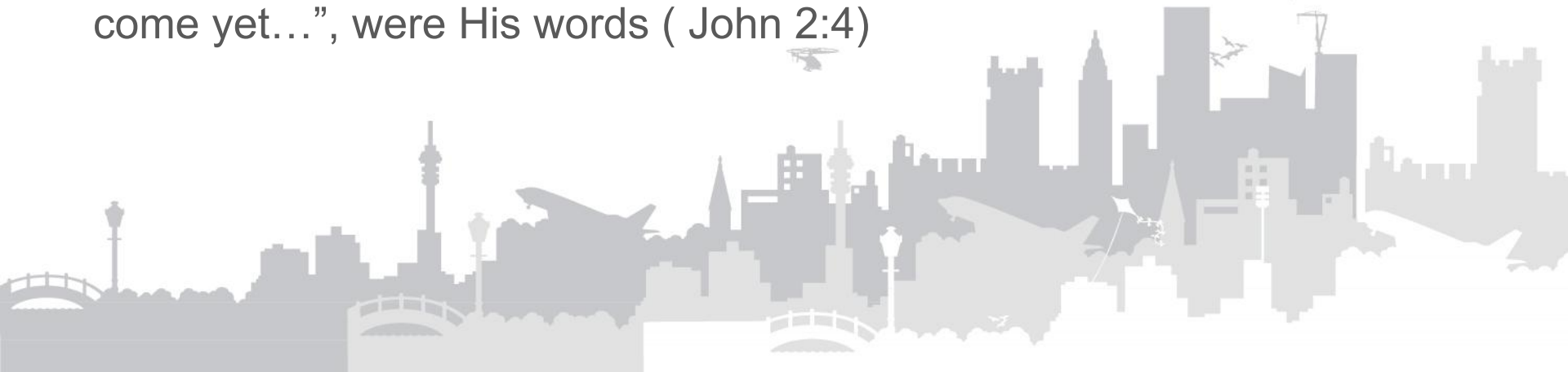
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His calendar had been arranged, and through communion with His Father he received each day both the words He was to say and the works He was to do. ***Christ’s overriding concern was to fulfill the work committed to Him within the allotted hours.*** He moved in the consciousness that there was a divine timing for the events of His life.

Not even His loved mother was allowed to interfere with His divinely planned timetable.” Is that your concern, or mine ?....My time has not come yet...”, were His words (John 2:4)



As He reviewed His life on earth at it's close, with unself-conscious complacency He claimed:

“John 17:4I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”

He found the 24 hours of a day sufficient to complete the whole will of God. This is reflected in His corrective words to His disciples : “Are there not 12 hours in a day?” His question suggested His settled confidence in His Father’s plan and His assurance of the ability to finish His work in the allotted time.

Eph 2:10 This all fits into Paul’s affirmation that God has a plan for every life, that we each have been created unto good works which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.



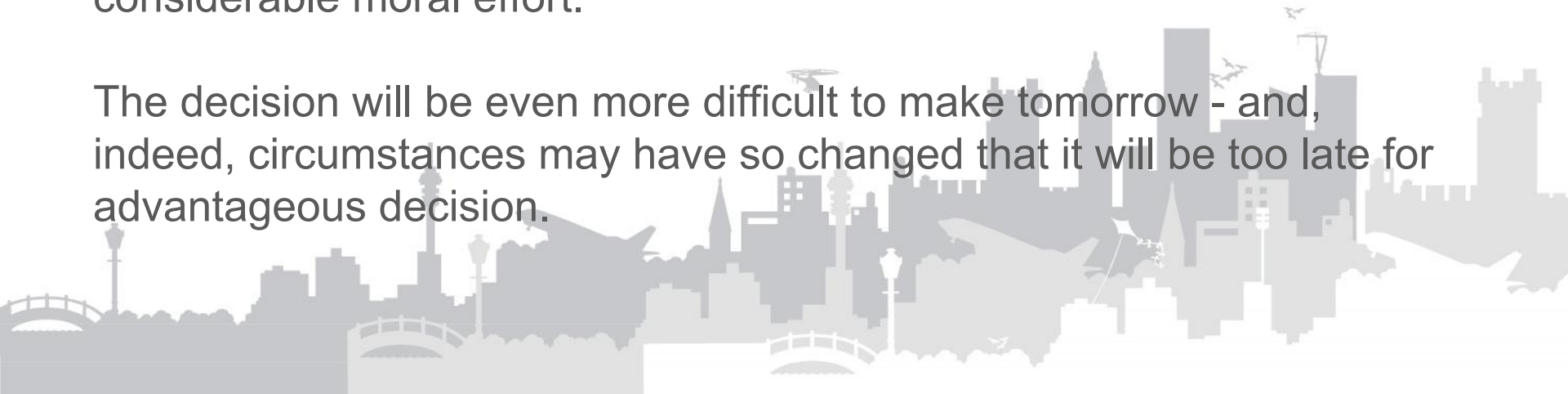
Procrastination

Procrastination can keep us from our inheritance. Take hold of every day and partner with the Lord.

The thief of time, procrastination is one of the devil's most potent weapons in defrauding man of his eternal heritage. It is a habit that is absolutely fatal to effective spiritual leadership.

It's subtlety and power lie in the fact that it corresponds so well to our natural inclinations and innate reluctance to make important decisions. Making decisions and carrying them through always involves considerable moral effort.

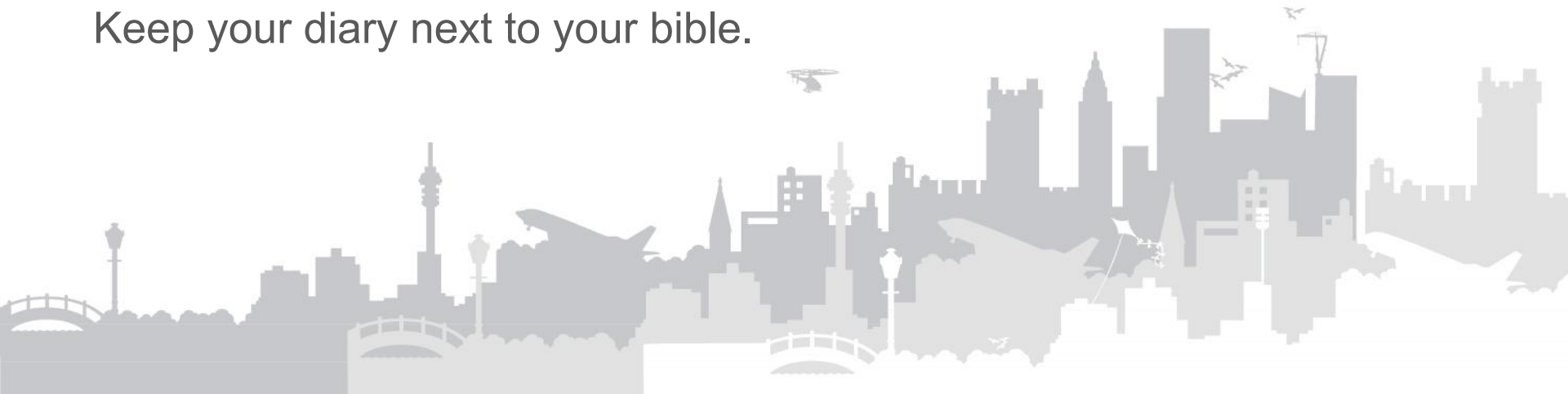
The decision will be even more difficult to make tomorrow - and, indeed, circumstances may have so changed that it will be too late for advantageous decision.



“Do it now” is a principle of action which has led many a man to worldly success, and it is no less relevant in the realm of the spiritual.

A very helpful method of overcoming a built-in-tendency to procrastinate is to set deadlines for oneself for reading a book, writing a difficult letter or article, doing a task, and then steadfastly refusing to overrun them.

A lifelong reader, who was also busier than most, was constantly asked by his friends, “How do you get time for it?” He always replied, “I don’t get time for it, I take it” Every morning, consecrate the day to the Lord. Keep your diary next to your bible.



It is very important to remember that all of our most important time allocations have something in common:

They never scream out immediately when they are ignored.

Tragically, when family, rest and spiritual disciplines are finally noticed it is often too late for adverse consequences to be avoided.

What are your non-negotiables?

God belongs first on the calendar at the start of every day. It is the one commitment one does not compromise on.

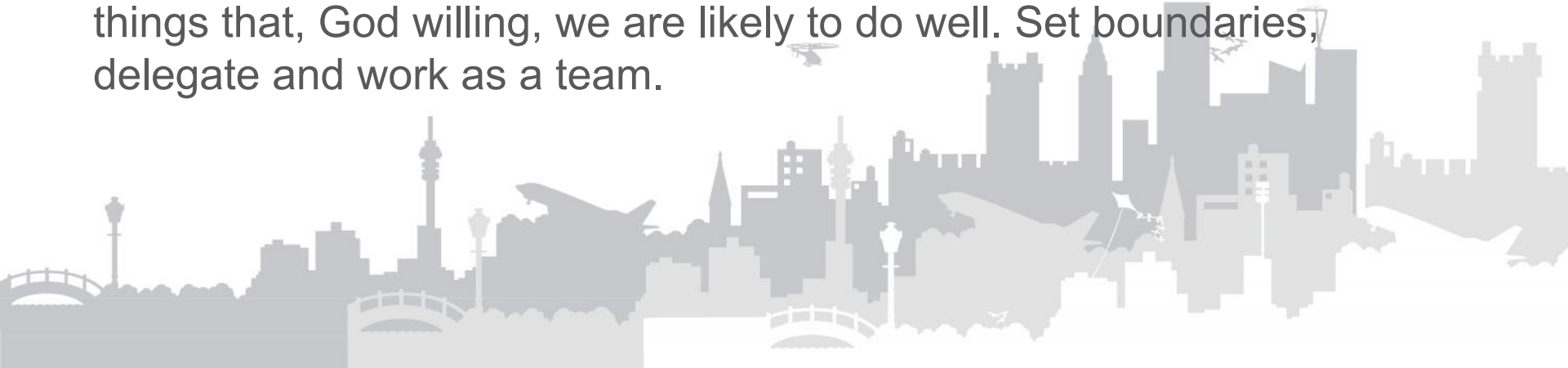


Macdonald's law of unseized time

Law # 1: Unseized time flows toward my weaknesses

When a sense of purpose/ mission has not been adequately defined, and if one is not ruthless enough with one's weaknesses , one tends to spend large amounts of time doing things one is not good at, while the tasks one is able to do with excellence and effectiveness are preempted.

We must sit ourselves down and consider: Who is best at doing what? We must redirect the otherwise wasted vast amounts of energy into the things that, God willing, we are likely to do well. Set boundaries, delegate and work as a team.



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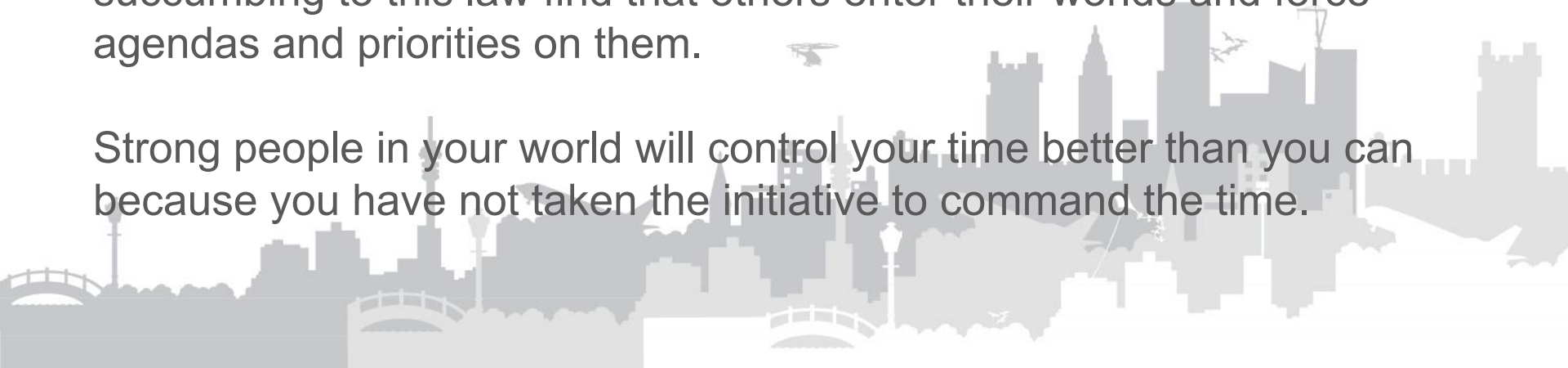
Law # 2: Unseized time comes under the influence of dominant people in my world.

One of the famous “spiritual laws” state : “God loves you and has a plan for your life.”

The same can be said about dominating people in the lives of those who do not have control of their time.

Because they have not set up their own time budgets, people succumbing to this law find that others enter their worlds and force agendas and priorities on them.

Strong people in your world will control your time better than you can because you have not taken the initiative to command the time.



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Law # 3: Unseized time surrenders to the demands of ALL emergencies

We are governed by the tyranny of the URGENT

Anyone in leadership will continually find themselves surrounded by events that cry out for immediate attention.

Not everything that cries the loudest is the most urgent thing. The important is more important than the urgent.



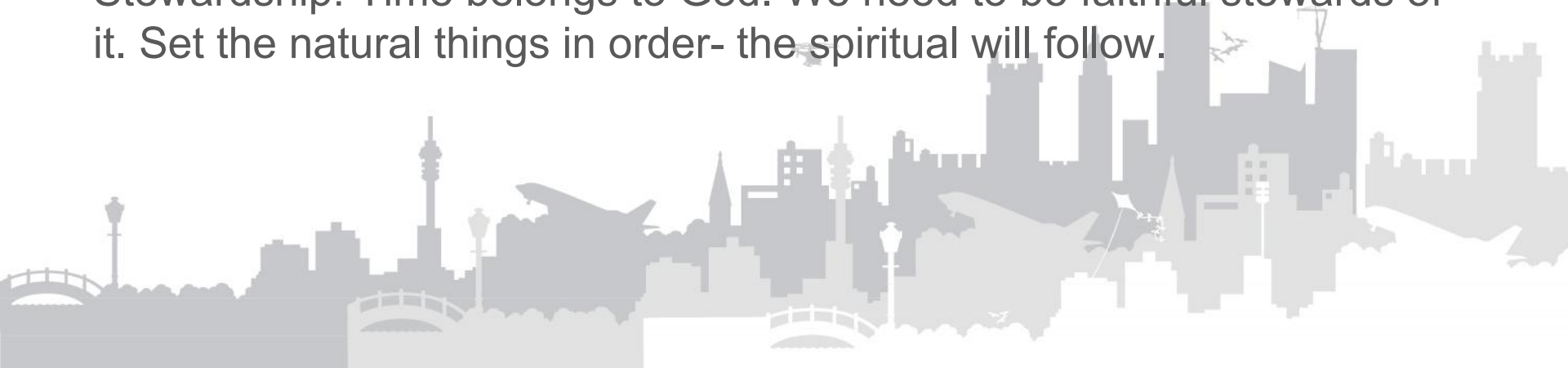
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Law # 4: Unseized time gets invested in things that gain public acclamation

In other words, we are more likely to give our unbudgeted time to events that will bring the most immediate and greatest praise.

One has to make critical decisions very often. one has to choose between one's purpose or destiny and that which people want one to do. *It is a choice between popularity and purpose.*

Stewardship: Time belongs to God. We need to be faithful stewards of it. Set the natural things in order- the spiritual will follow.



In closing



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Long term objectives deal with God's vision for your life and thus involve general lifetime objectives. Short term planning involves specific objectives for the next six to twelve months.