



## Frequent Deposits

*Ephesians 5:15-17*

**The Big Idea:** Time is your most valuable asset. Invest it well. Invest it in something bigger than your lifetime.

**The Bottom Line:** Small deposits over time are the best use of your time.

### Review:

The first week, I said there's something more important than knowing what time it is. It's knowing what to do with your time. It really doesn't matter what time it is if you aren't using your time wisely. So, we decided to pray:

“Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12)

Last week, we talked about how to expand our capacity. The key to getting more done is not adding. It's prioritizing. The principle: Priority determines capacity.

### Introduction:

Today, I want to discuss three things we all know about time but choose to ignore. Three things we all know about time but choose to ignore **and will one day wish we hadn't**. Three things we all know about time and choose to ignore **but wish our spouses would pay closer attention to**.

Now, before I tell you some things you already know, I need to tell you one thing you might not know. The Bible teaches that a person who knows he ought to do something and chooses not to do it - to his own detriment - is a FOOL.

### Tension:

There is a cumulative value to investing small amounts of time in certain activities over a long period.

There is almost no value in one deposit.

There are rarely any immediate consequences for neglecting a single installment.

There is no cumulative value to the random things we opt for over the important things.

The price you pay for investing in those pales to the price you pay for neglecting them.

You think marriage is expensive? Try divorce.

Neglect is easy. Neglect takes no effort. The results are still cumulative.

There is no cumulative value to the random things we allow to interfere with the important things.

To trade the activities that could have a positive cumulative effect on our lives for random things that all add up to nothing is not a wise use of time.

The truth is, you can't add up the random events because you can't even remember them.

**Truth:**

If you were God and you loved you, what advice would you give you regarding your time?

We don't have to guess.

**Read: Ephesians 5:15-17.**

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**Application:**

What are you willing to do about it?

**Conclusion:**

You've lived long enough to know what you ought to do going forward: physically, relationally, financially, spiritually, academically.

What do you wish you had been doing consistently over the past five, ten, or fifteen years? Get started! After all, there is a cumulative value to investing small amounts of time in certain activities over a long period, regardless of how old you are.

A year from now, you will wish you had.

**Next Steps:**

- Memorize Ephesians 5:15-17.
- Choose One Area of Your Life that Needs Small Investments.
- Get Started Today.

**Discussion questions for group this week:**

**1.What does this teach me about God?**

**2.What does this teach me about me?**

**3.How do I apply this to my life?**

**4.If I could ask a question about this it would be....**

