

72 Minutes That Change The World

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Even though God is **ETERNAL**, and lives outside of our dimension, He is very aware of our earthly **TIME** and its **LIMITATIONS**.

- ◆ "...and there was evening and there was morning, one day." (Genesis 1:5)
- ◆ "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day..." (Exodus 16:4)
- ◆ "The time has come," He said. "The kingdom of God is near." (Mark 1:15)
- ◆ "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Throughout scripture, God challenges us to be **GOOD STEWARDS** of the time we have.

- ◆ "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all." (Galatians 6:10)
- ◆ "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." (Colossians 4:5)
- ◆ "...you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." (James 4:14)

The time you have with your children may be the last fleeting minutes you have to influence their lives. Make every moment **COUNT**.

Personal Greetings

1. Catch their eyes before coming into class
2. Use their names
3. Connect with their eyes
4. Compliment them
5. Tell them you're glad to see them

The Personal Touch

1. Relate to their worlds during the lesson
2. Ask them for comments or reactions during the lesson
3. Affirm their fears, questions, needs, desires

Slow Down and Listen

1. Take "mental breaks" periodically through the lesson to tell stories, ask questions, etc.
2. Ask, "What do you think?"
3. Listen to their responses and prayerfully adjust the lesson "on the fly" (John 11; John 21)

Be Real

1. Be the teacher without elevating yourself too far above the learners.
2. Let them know that you "struggle and seek" as well
3. Talk with them how you are learning this lesson as well

Remember

1. Remember their names.
2. Remember their needs (prayer requests, fears, etc.).
3. Remember their struggles.