

Ephesians 5:15-17

- Apparently word has gotten out that I occasionally... sometimes... every now & then... go over my intended time length when presenting a lesson or sermon. In fact, I was told (jokingly & lovingly) that if I went past 15 minutes that the microphone would be cut off!
- The criticism is well earned because I did notoriously preach for 50 minutes at Maywood when I was supposed to go 10. Hopefully I'm getting a little better.
- When we consider Ephesians 5, hopefully we see how valuable time is. We may only have a small

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- How much God loves them... ~~to know...~~
- Our world has a lot of people in it who believe that they are unloved & in some cases unlovable.
- We have to help people see that God loves them so much that He gave them Jesus - John 3:16.
- It should break our hearts that people hear this verse and still don't believe that God loves them. It's our job to help them come to this realization.
- Romans 5:6-9 - Christ didn't die begrudgingly.

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to know

- That serving God requires us to repent from our sin & obey His word - 2 Peter 3:9
- God has outlined what He expects of us. I must conform my life to God's standard.
- Whether it's becoming a Christian or reconciling ourselves to God, the Holy Word of God provides the instructions. Psalm 119:105
- 1 Corinthians 6:11 - We must be washed!

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- That selfishness is counterproductive to Christianity. Selfishness is sinful.
- If we call ourselves a Christian then we will put God first, others second, & ourselves last.
- He must increase & I must decrease.
- John 12:24-26; Philippians 2:3
- James 3:16 - Selfishness breeds disorder!

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- That something far greater than this world awaits those who serve the Lord.
- The apostle Paul longed to be with Christ in heaven. He wanted it more than he wanted anything that this world could offer.
- Am I content with this world? Philippians 3:17
- Colossians 3:1-5 – What are we focused on?

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- That selfishness is counterproductive (oppositional) to Christianity.
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