



Now is the Time

OBJECTIVE: Introduce the concept of intentional preparation to attain all Christ has for us individually and corporately so we will be found faithful and ready, redeeming the time. January would be an excellent time to present this program, equipping and challenging ladies to use their time wisely.

SCRIPTURAL EMPHASIS:

Eph. 5:15 *Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

Mt. 25:13 *Therefore keep watch because you do not know the day or the hour.*

DECORATIONS: Calendar page placemats; clocks: cuckoo, grandfather, alarm, etc.; hourglasses, cooking timers, egg/game timers, metronomes, watch displays, etc.

FAVOR: Notepad-Priority Lists with clock stamped on each page or small egg timer.

MIXER: “Beat the Clock” fill-in-the-blank game (attached) or the “Prepared Purse” game: from a prepared list find out which woman/table has the most “just in case” items in her purse such as band aids, extra panty hose, etc.

SKIT: The Early Morning Walk: Setting Practical Priorities. See attached.

MUSIC: “Now is the Time to Serve the Lord,” “People Get Ready,” “What if it Were Today,” “For Such a Time as This,” “I Wish We’d All Been Ready,” “When the Time Comes,” “In His Time.”

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Using the Scriptural Emphasis passages above ask your speaker to develop the concept of the importance of using the time Christ has given us wisely. Challenge women to spend time doing the things Christ wants to accomplish in and through them this year. Note: this theme also provides an opportunity to present the plan of salvation, which is the first priority for any person.

Pastor Bill Lighty has given PWOC permission to use the following story which could be printed in the program or used by the speaker: When Pastor Bill Lighty (Chapel Hills Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, CO) reached a landmark birthday he was fearful that he had wasted much of his time and developed a tangible time reminder to avoid such waste in the future. First, he estimated the number of years he had left and multiplied that number by 52 weeks. Next, he purchased that number of marbles and put them in a large jar. Each week he takes one marble and carries it in his pocket. At the end of the week he puts it in another jar (to be used if he lives past his original estimate of 75 years). In a follow-up sermon five years later he shared lessons he had learned on redeeming the time as he watched the marble pile dwindle.

MENU: Fast food in “to go” containers.