

that most of you have not done much with your exams, at least until within the last two or three days. The Lord wants us not to kill the time, not to smash it up and throw it away, not to let it get wasted and frittered away. He wants us to utilize the time to save it, but it isn't enough to merely utilize the time. The Lord wants us to use the time in proper fashion. He wants us to take this which He has given us. He may have given one person more talent than another. You may have great ability in a certain line and the other person very little, but we are all given the same amount of time. God will only hold you responsible for utilizing the amount of ability which He has given you, but He will hold you responsible for the time which He has given you. Now it is not enough just to use the time. To redeem the time means not merely to use it but it means to use it rightly, to use it in proper fashion, to use it wisely. I was reading an article by a man in New York who is quite an authority on efficiency and I noticed this very interesting statement. He said, "I find that if I keep working steadily beyond the time at which I can work efficiently I find that I am no longer able to distinguish between those tasks which are worth the time and those tasks which are just a lot of motions and accomplish nothing," and he said, "I'll go on working and working and get nothing accomplished. To learn to use the time properly, to learn to use the time at the time when it should be used, I think all that is part of redeeming the time because the days are evil. The days are evil but they can be made good and how can we make them good? Well, first, of course, we can redeem them from evil, we can put our stress on that and from that viewpoint I think the outstanding thing is the word of God. I think the Lord wants us to read the newspapers, He wants us to read magazines, He wants us to keep up with affairs of the world and know something about them. I think that it is a mistake to say that the Lord doesn't want you to read anything except that which is His word or which is religious. I don't think that is what the Lord wants, but I don't think we have to go to one extreme or the other extreme, and we're all so prone to do it. We either do all this or nothing. We think that this person is the most perfect person