

Psalm 31:15 My Times Are in Thy Hands

This verse begins with the words "my times". Just how much time do you have? There is nothing more elusive than time. Take hold of it and it is gone. Before you say, "Now", it is no longer now, but it is later. Time moves rapidly whether you accomplish anything or not. Yet we find a tremendous difference in the way people use time. Some seem to get a great deal done. Some get very little done. People are always saying, "I don't have time to do that." Why don't you have time? You have as much time as the next person has. We all have the same amount of time. The trouble is some of us waste our time. Some of us are like a man who has a pocket full of silver dollars and -- but has a hole in his pocket. As he walks down the street one coin after another slips out of his pocket and is gone. Perhaps he comes to seminary thinking he's going to learn a great deal here; he is going to get a real knowledge of theology. Interesting questions come up in class. "I'd like to look these up, study them and see what different people say about them, but I can't do it now. I don't have time!"

We put things off. The time never comes it seems. "My time." You've got only so much time, but you have a duty to utilize this time. We waste time waiting for a train, or waiting for somebody. We stand around. What are we doing with this time? You might be memorizing Scripture. You might be thinking through some theological problem. You might read a few words in a book that you would otherwise never get read. You might simply voluntarily relax your muscles and adopt those habits that will be conducive to future effectiveness and to not becoming overtired. You might take time to think about standing straight and looking your best. How much time we waste. "My time" we say, but we can't say that. It's gone. It's ours to

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