Wisdom for Righteous Living

Lesson 6, 1st Quarter February 17-23, 2024.

Sabbath Afternoon, February 17

Memory Text:

"So make up your minds to live wisely, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." KJV — Psalm 90:12

"Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to his glory. Of no talent He has given will he require a more strict account than of our time. TLR 156.2

"The value of time is beyond computation. Christ regarded every moment as precious, and it is thus that we should regard it. Life is too short to be trifled away. We have but a few days of probation in which to prepare for eternity. We have no time to spare to waste in idleness or selfish pleasure, no time for the indulgence of sin. It is now that we are to form characters for the future, character that will be such as we can bear to prepare for the society of the pure and holy. 1T 535.3

"The human family have scarcely begun to live when they begin to die.... The man who appreciates time as his working day will fit himself for a mansion and for a life that is immortal. It is well that he was born. We are ordained to redeem the time. But time squandered can never be recovered. We cannot recall one moment that has passed. We can do nothing with our yesterdays. We can by making the most of what remains, by laying co-workers with God in His great plan of redemption.... PLR 158.4

"Every moment is freighted with eternal consequences. We are to stand as watchmen for the salvation of our fellow-men. We are to warn them, we are to entreat, to speak to some merely as we pass the world of life may never offer again. God may say to that one, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee," and through neglect he may never be ready. (Luke 12:20) Oh, the great judgment day, how shall we render our account to God?" 1T 628.1 TGS

Sunday, February 18

Your Word I have hidden in my Heart.

Read Psalm 119:1-16, 105-108. How should we keep God's commandments, and what are the blessings that from doing that?

"Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices must guard well the avenues of the soul. Every one who has read reading, saying, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind must not be left to wander at random, or simply indulge in idle speculation. Satan will find ample work for idle hands, yes, the idle hands of the mind." Paul, speaking of the armor, says, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11. Christ, the apostle Peter, "the soldier, ... not fashioning himself to the lusts of the flesh, but to the will of God." Christ's followers are to be soldiers of the cross, ready to do battle against the powers of darkness." 1T 706.2 TGS

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Monday, February 19

Teach us to number our days

Read Psalm 90, Psalm 102:11. Psalm 103: 14-16. What is the human predicament?

"Cast the roll of the dead into all ages. Forsake me not when my strength fails." Psalm 71:9. RH 186.2

"Forsake me not, O God, when I am old and gray; that I may tell the rising generation of your power." Psalm 71:18. Ms 1 1886 Ms 1 1886 Ms 1 1886

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow..." RH 186.4

"Church membership will not guarantee us heaven. We must abide in Christ, and be transformed by His grace, or we will be left to the contamination of a world of symmetrical character. "Be ye therefore ready, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48.) As God is perfect in his character, so must the people be who are to be his representatives in this world, as individually, to reach this high standard. Our attainments will be just in proportion to our faithfulness in improving the talents committed to our trust. Make it for things the divine and promised, yes, we can overcome. Jesus "knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust." (Psalm 103:14.) In yielding tendernesses will give us the help and strength we need. GW92 446.3

"Let us diligently cultivate the pure principles of the gospel of Christ,—the religion of self-sacrifice, of self-denial, of self-control, of purity, of holiness, of love. Let us let our light shine in good works, in self-denial, in humble, unselfish, Christ-like deeds of labor for the good of others, in the cultivation of the soul, in the spirit of a sound and healthy mind. Let us be diligent students of the Bible, and let our minds be trained, by intellectual exercise, to grasp the great truths of God's word