

## The Christian and the 21st Century: Lesson Nine

1. What does Jesus urge in John 9:4? How does He explain this? What is He talking about? What does this reveal about our existence? Why is this important?
2. In Ephesians 5:15, what does Paul advise us to do? According to 5:16, what will this lead us to do in practice? Why? What does this tell us about the sort of life we should lead?
3. In James 4:13, what does James cite his audience as saying? According to 4:14, what's the problem with that? In 4:15, what does James encourage instead? How should understanding this change our attitude toward our lives?
4. What does Solomon tell us to do in Ecclesiastes 9:10? Why? In practice, what does this mean?
5. What quotation does Paul cite in 2 Corinthians 6:2? How does he apply it? How does this apply to any godly activity?
6. What question does Solomon ask in Ecclesiastes 3:9? What answer does he give in 3:10-11? What does 3:11 identify as an impossibility for us? What does this tell us about the value and the shortcomings of our work?
7. What does Solomon endorse in Ecclesiastes 9:7-9? In 9:9, how does he explain himself? What does this teach us about the value and significance of leisure?
8. What situation does the parable of Luke 13:6-9 describe? What point is Jesus making here? What should we learn from this about God's expectations for our lives?
9. What way of life does Peter commend in 1 Peter 4:2? What does he say about a contrasting way of life in 4:3? What does this tell us about the practice of vice once we have become Christians?
10. In Acts 6:1-4, what do the apostles refuse to do? Why? What do they do instead? What can we learn from this about redeeming the time in God's kingdom?
11. According to Hebrews 5:12, where should the audience of the book be spiritually? Where are they actually? What does this imply about the use of our time?
12. In Colossians 4:5, what time-redeeming activity does Paul identify? According to 4:6, what is necessary for the time to be redeemed in this way? How can we put this passage into practice?