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There is a certain amount of time allotted to us all, and we all decide how we are going to spend it. But none of us knows exactly how much of it we have left. So a huge question for all of us is:

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What will you do with the time you have left? Some never face that issue honestly, thinking that they'll always have plenty of time. Today, we'll consider four solid principles that will make the time you have left really count.

Introductory Remarks

Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

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Your life is
Like this
coin



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Henry David Thoreau

"You can't kill time without injuring eternity"

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Peter mentions two things twice in this paragraph:

1. Time

2. The will of God

In whatever time you have left, use it to do the will of
God

Four Ways of Making Time Count

1. Resist Your Sin (v. 1)

Arm yourself

Military phrase: Speaks of being prepared

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Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

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We need to have a militant attitude toward sin

What's our ultimate goal when it comes to sin?

To stop doing it!

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Suffering will help you resist sin: It cuts away and tempers your life

2. Relish God's Will (v. 2)

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The best of your time is when you use the rest of your time to invest your time in doing the will of God

Matthew 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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God's will is never a burden; it's a blessing

Matthew 11:30

“For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

The will of God is not an encumbrance; it's an enablement

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3. Renounce Your Past (v. 3)

No matter how much time you spent for the flesh, it
was enough

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4. Reach the Lost (vv. 4-6)

If you don't evangelize, you will fossilize

Be patient with them and preach to them

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They're blind; see 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

They're dead; see Ephesians 2:1

They may be judging you right now, but God will judge them (see v. 5)

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Closing



Remember: don't just spend your time, invest your
time

Whatever choice you make now determines the
outcome in eternity