



Making the most of your time

that will make something good happen in our lives.

Are you a participator or spectator?

Ephesians 3:20 is an exciting verse people like because it says God "is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams]" (AMP).

But if we stop there, we don't fully see what this scripture is saying. It goes on to say "according to His power that is at work within us."

God is able to do great things as His power works in us and through us!

So it's not just about God doing things for you — He wants to do things through you. We are meant to be partners with God who participate in His plans, not merely spectators.

We have to stop wishing life would change and start taking action! We need to pray, spend time with God and study His Word, and as He speaks to our hearts, we need to step out in faith. I want to encourage you not to let fear keep you from moving forward.

If you are afraid of making the wrong choice, then make a determined decision to take a step of faith — do it afraid! — and trust God to show you if you're going in the wrong direction.

Because sometimes we can't find out what the right direction is until we step out and find out.

Participate with prudence. In Proverbs 1:1-5, we learn some of the main ways we hear God's voice as we seek Him. Verse 4 says, "That prudence (good judgment, astute common sense) may be given..." (AMP).

The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines prudence as: the ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason; shrewdness in the management of affairs; skill and good judgment in the use of resources.

A prudent person is disciplined and a good manager. He won't waste his money, time, energy, talents or his words. We see this in the following scriptures:

- Proverbs 10:19 says the prudent person "controls his lips and keeps thoughtful silence."

- Proverbs 12:16 teaches that "the [arrogant] fool's anger is quickly known [because he lacks self-control and common sense], but a prudent man ignores an insult."

- And Proverbs 31:16 describes the prudent woman as one who carefully considers

new opportunities before making a decision and uses her time in ways that benefit her.

These are just a few verses that reveal ways you can be prudent. I want to encourage you to study them and look up others that will help you get more revelation of how you can be prudent.

Are you busy or fruitful?

God created you to live on purpose, for a purpose! He has not called you to be busy — He has called you to bear good fruit! He's given you free will so you can make good choices in every single area of your life.

It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of everyday life in the world we live in today. We all need to take time on a regular basis to think about how we're spending our time so we can evaluate whether we're being fruitful and making progress in the things we

should be doing.

I like to do this before I go to bed at night. I think through the things I did that day to see what I accomplished.

Doing this helps me discover anything that caused me to waste time and lose my focus on the things I needed to do.

Take time to honestly examine the way you're spending your time.

Pray and ask God to reveal things that need to change, ways you can make better choices that line up with His wisdom, and then lean on Him for the strength to make changes.

You'll find that as you make choices guided by the Spirit of God, you won't end up with regrets — you'll be fulfilled, peaceful and excited about how He is working in your life!

Cross Road to host live simulcast of Beth Moore's 'Living Proof' today

LifeWay Christian Resources is slated to simulcast well-known Bible teacher and best-selling author Beth Moore live from Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 17. Cross Road Assembly of God is serving as a host location for Oregon Coast area.

The Living Proof Simulcast, sponsored by Nashville-based publishing company LifeWay Christian Resources, will feature Moore's dynamic storytelling and passionate Bible teaching.

"I am thankful that Beth presents herself as a real person. Not as someone who has 'arrived,'" says Pam McBride, an attendee from a Living Proof Live event in Knoxville. "Her words of truthfulness and boldness touch my life in so many ways."

The event, which is now in its 18th year, both challenges and encourages women to grow deeply in their faith. Join 150,000 women around the world for this live, global,

Internet streaming event.

The simulcast gives each church a front-row seat to one-of-a-kind Bible teaching and life-changing worship.

"We are passionate to serve women who know Christ well but we're also hoping they will join us shoulder-to-shoulder in the accelerated outreach effort that God is blazing in our souls," Beth Moore wrote. "We are praying earnestly that women will come bringing the lost and the searching and the

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broken and the untaught."

Moore has authored dozens of published Bible studies,

books, and devotionals specifically for women for nearly two decades.

Her latest LifeWay-published releases are Audacious (October 2015) and Children of the Day (May 2014). Moore's organization, Living Proof Ministries, is based out of Houston.

Dove-award winning musical artist Travis Cottrell, who also serves as worship pastor of Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn., is slated to lead

worship for the event.

The Living Proof Simulcast kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 8:30 a.m., and ends at 3:30 p.m. This one-day event costs \$20 per person to attend, and covers one full day of music and worship, snacks and lunch; sessions led by Beth Moore; and opportunities for fellowship with other women from the Florence and surrounding communities.

FUUF to discuss avoiding idolatries

From 10 to 11 a.m. this Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller will lead the worship service titled:

"Discovering and Avoiding Idolatries of Mind and Spirit." "As Unitarian-Universalists,

we are part of a movement that proclaims one divinity, one source of life, wisdom, love and harmony," said Rev. Miller. "At the same time, we live in a culture that encourages us to long for things."

Rev. Miller will help attendees discover what they have

turned into "idols" and will offer simple methods for overcoming their power in people's lives.

The UU Fellowship, 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road, is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.

FLORENCE MUSICIAN TO BE REMEMBERED TOMORROW AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Longtime Florence resident John Di Giorgio, who passed away Jan. 22 at age 91, will be remembered during a special community gathering at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw.

There will be a light luncheon immediately following the regular church service, which will be a time of laughter and happy remembering.

Di Giorgio found great joy in playing saxophone and clarinet with many local bands, including the Yachats Big Band, the Florence Saxophone Quartet and the Florence Community Concert Band — previously known as the Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble, which he played a key part in creating.

He was also in the pit orchestra for many local musicals.

Di Giorgio and his wife, Barbara, were active volunteers for the Florence Event Center, and members of the



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John Di Giorgio

Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw and Florence Rotary Club.

A graduate of Somerville High School in Boston, Mass., Di Giorgio served 24 months in the European Theater with the U.S. Army, landing on Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day-plus 11. He served across France and Germany and was in Czechoslovakia at

the war's end.

Returning to the United States, his ship was nearly sunk in a North Atlantic hurricane on Christmas Day, 1945. His crippled ship limped into the Azores, and eventually the men were transferred to the aircraft carrier Enterprise for the voyage to New York City.

After extensive studies and a career in Clinical Biochemistry that took him across the U.S. and into Europe, Di Giorgio and his wife enjoyed retirement living in Florence for 22 years, until failing health in 2015 necessitated a move to his family in Northern California.

Di Giorgio received loving care in his new home with his son, Carl, and wife Mary, as well as from his son Brian and wife Elizabeth, and grandsons Evan and Connor.

The memorial will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, beginning at 11 a.m.

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Is your family prepared?

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 240 hours.

Get your emergency sanitation kit started with these essentials:

- Plastic bucket with tightly fitting lid
- Plastic bags and ties
- Disinfectant, soap
- Improvised toilet seat (5-gallon bucket or a coffee can)
- Paper cups and plates
- Plastic utensils
- Personal toiletries & hygienic needs
- Toilet paper
- Aluminum foil
- Paper towels

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Spirituali-Tea to discuss benefits of meditation

On Monday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from varied spiritual paths to discuss meditation. Those attending are asked to bring prayers and music they have found helpful in their meditation.

The Baha'i Writings say; "Meditation is the key for opening the doors of mysteries. In that subjective mood he is immersed in the ocean of spiritual life and can unfold the secrets of things-in-themselves..."

The main goal of the Baha'i Faith centers around the peaceful unification of the entire human race.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

The Heintz home is located at 875 Seventh St. For more information, call 541-590-0779.