

Don't Waste Your Summer

How to Make it a Season of Growth

- A. For many, summertime prompts images revolving around rest and relaxation of some sort.
- B. Shakespeare's 400-year-old words continue to resonate: "Summer's lease hath all too short a date."
- C. How can we avoid wasting our Summer? In light of *Ephesians 5:15-16*, what can we do to make it a season of growth in those areas of life that matter most?

1. Don't lose sight of the big _____ (*Eccl 11:9; 12:1-7, 13-14*).
2. Challenge yourself to _____ (*2 Pet 3:18*).
3. Spend some intimate time with God while enjoying his beautiful _____ (*Psa 16:7-8*).
4. Set aside time to spend with people who will _____ your walk with the Lord (*Prov 27:17*).
5. Resolve to be truly _____ in your interactions with others (*Matt 7:12*).
6. Take advantage of opportunities to show _____ (*1 Pet 4:8-11*).
7. Get some _____ (*1 Tim 4:7-8*).
8. Deliberately connect with opportunities to _____ (*Matt 20:25-28; Acts 20:35*).
9. Take the time to impact the hearts of _____ (*Mark 10:13-16*).
10. Enjoy it all to the _____ of God (*1 Cor 10:31; 1 Pet 4:11*).