

# NEHEMIAH

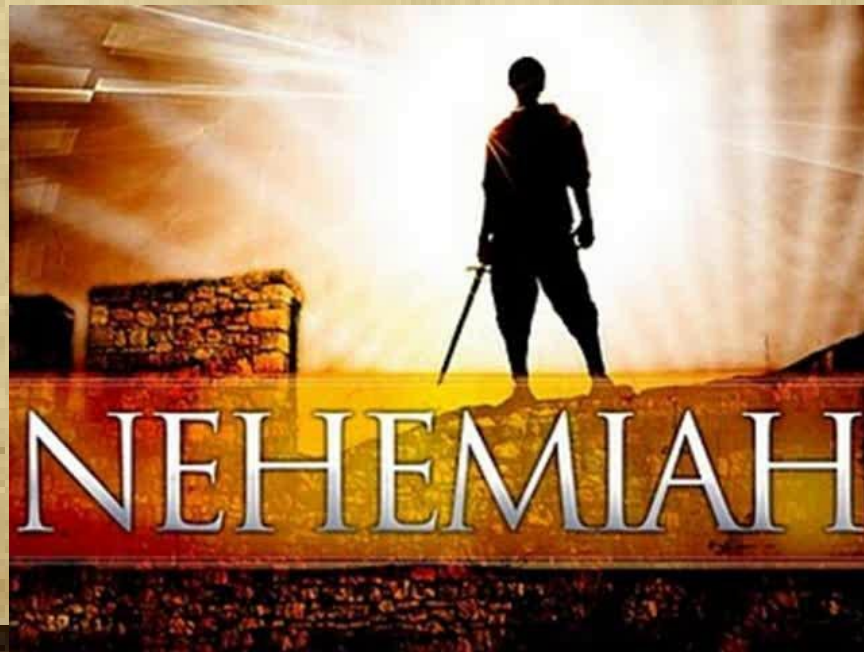


## The Integrated Leader

Integrating faith into every area of our lives

## Session 7

# “Assessing my Time and Resources”



# NEHEMIAH- “THE INTEGRATED LEADER”

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- × Step 1- Concern (Nehemiah 1:1-3)
- × Step 2- Communion with God (Nehemiah 1:4-11)  
 (“Prayer Power & Planning Process”- three sessions)
- × Step 3- Commitment (Nehemiah 2:5)

## TODAY:

- × Step 4- Calendar & Clock (Nehemiah 2:6-8)
- × Step 5- Capital (Nehemiah 2:8)

# STEP 4- CALENDAR AND CLOCK

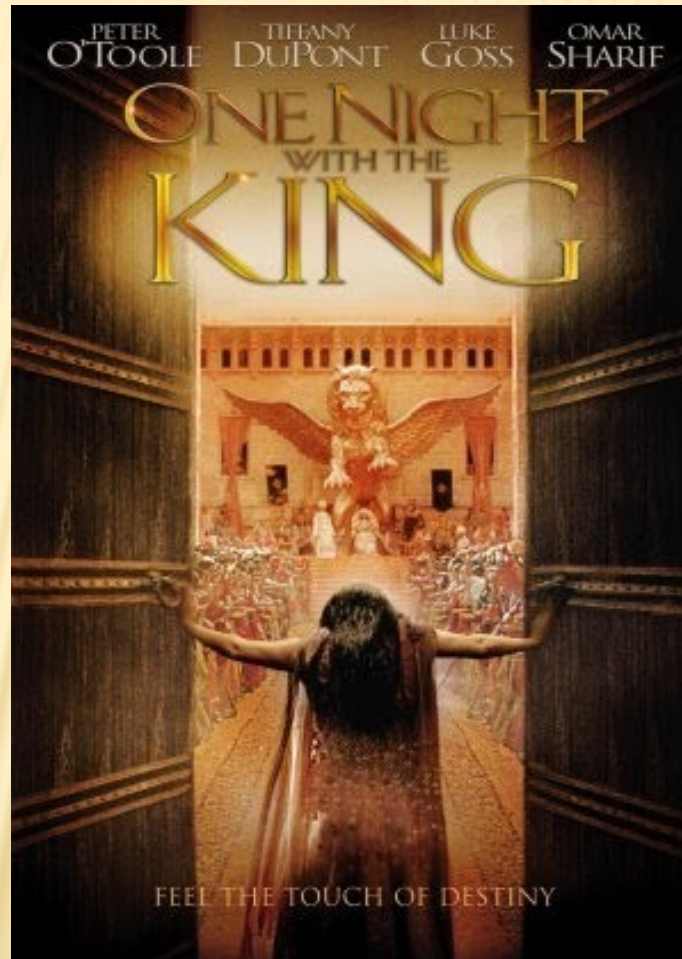
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*Nehemiah 2:6*- “So I set a time...”



# “ONE NIGHT WITH THE KING”

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# FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!

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***Esther 4:14-*** “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for **such a time as this?**”

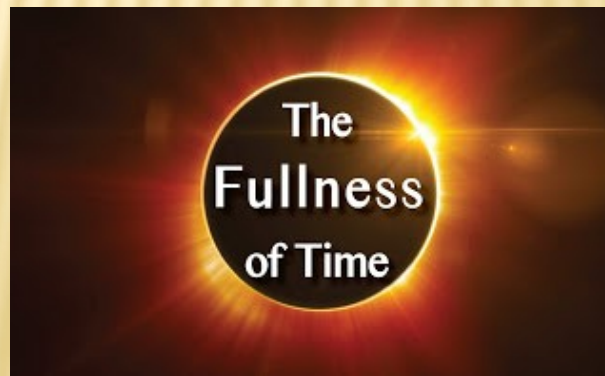


# THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMING

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*Galatians 4:4*- “But *when the time had fully come*, (or, “... *when the fullness of time had come...*”) God sent His Son...”

- × Decree from Caesar Augustus (Luke 2)
- × Daniel 9 & Luke 3- exact date of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry (see next slide)
- × Pax Romana (“Peace of Rome”) allowed for free travel and free trade throughout the Roman Empire.
- × “Roman roads” throughout the known world at that time.

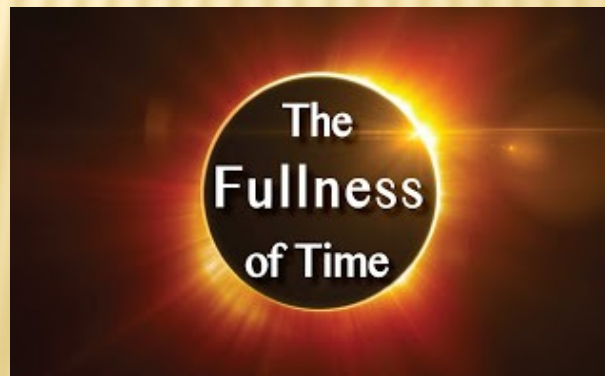


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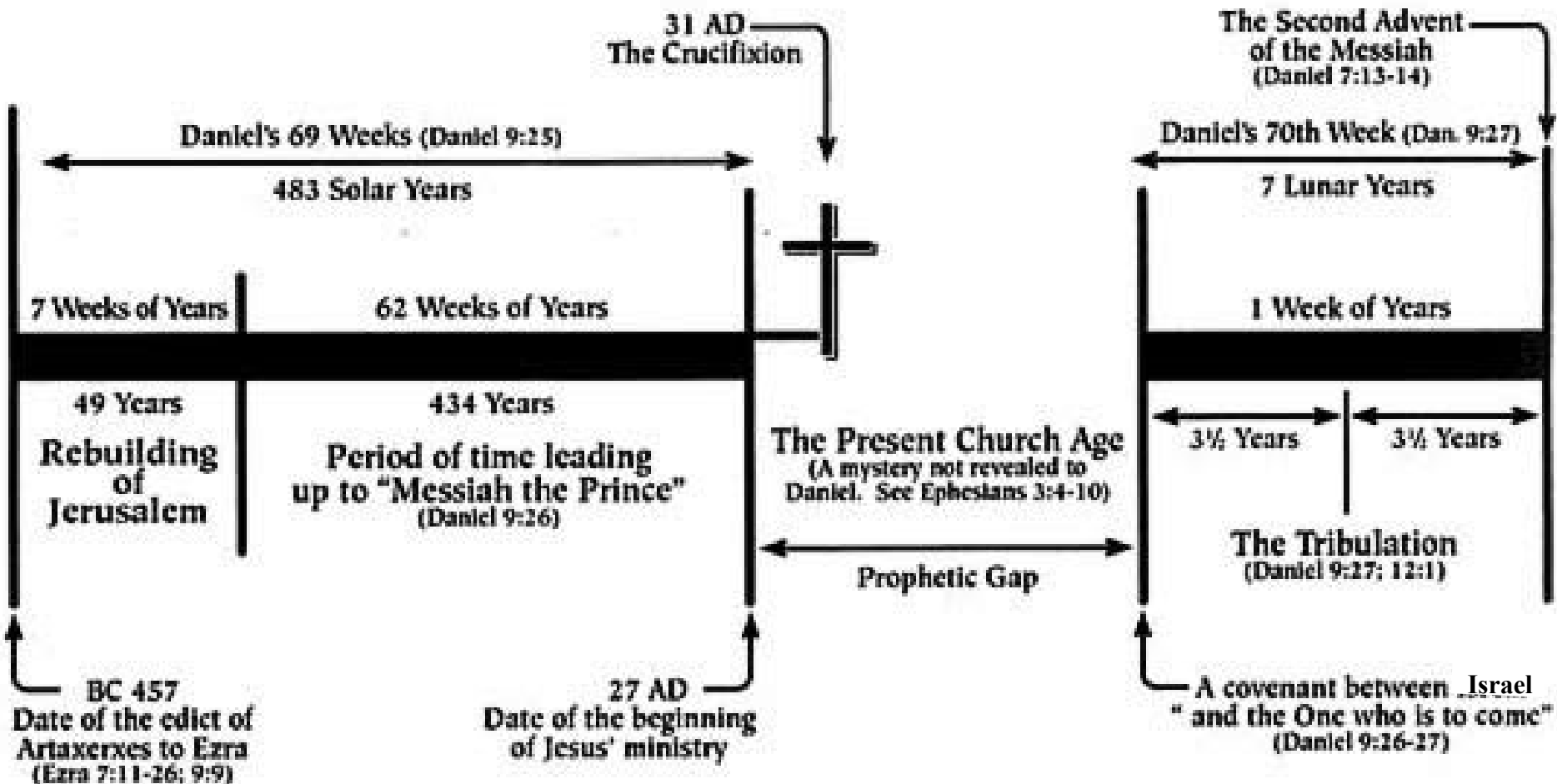
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- × Israel occupied the land
- × The temple in Jerusalem had been rebuilt.
- × Fulfilled prophecies
- × Greek Language- universal language of trade



# DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS (Daniel 9:24-27)



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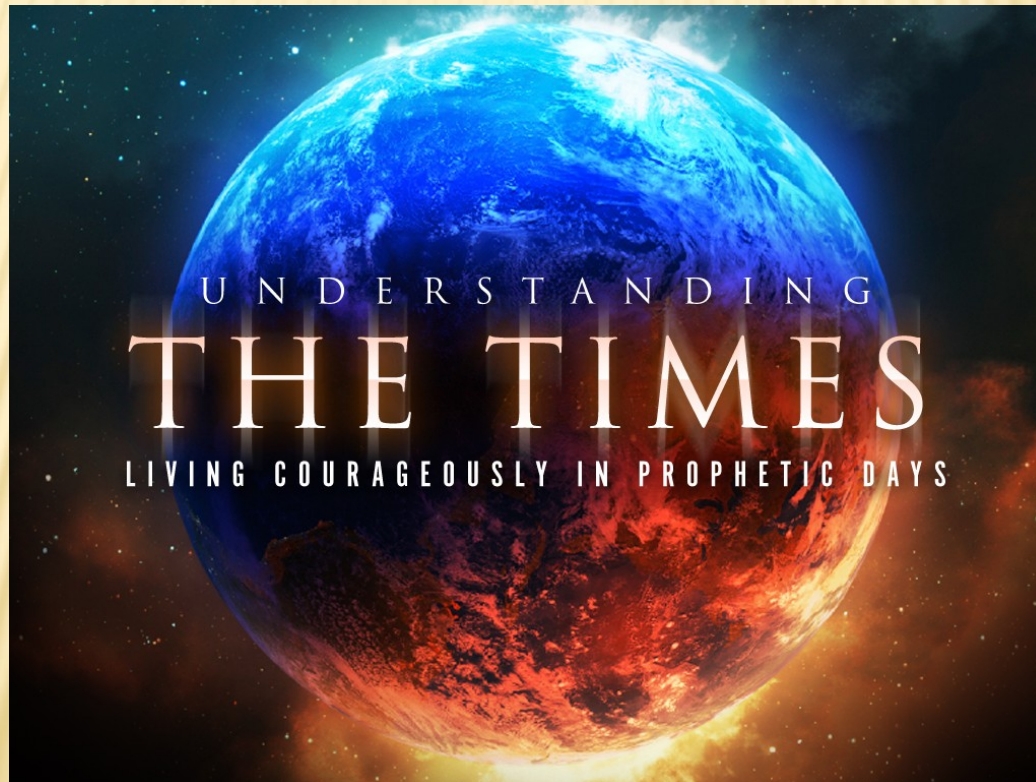
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- ✘ ***Ecclesiastes 3:1-8***- “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
- ✘ a time to be born and a time to die,
- ✘ a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ✘ a time to kill and a time to heal,
- ✘ a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ✘ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
- ✘ a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ✘ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
- ✘ a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- ✘ a time to search and a time to give up,
- ✘ a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ✘ a time to tear and a time to mend,
- ✘ a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ✘ a time to love and a time to hate,
- ✘ a time for war and a time for peace.”

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**1 Chronicles 12:32-** “...men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do...”



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**Luke 19:41-** “As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because *you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.*”



# TWO GREEK WORDS FOR “TIME”

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**“Chronos”** - sequential time, a time in between, a moment of indeterminate time in which something special happens.

**“Kairos”** - an opportunity, a passing instant when an opening appears which must be driven through with force if success is to be achieved.



# NEHEMIAH'S SENSE OF GOD'S TIMING

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“**chronos**”- vs. 1-4- Nehemiah prayed & planned for at least *4 months*

“**kairos**”- Vs. 5- The king- Artaxerxes asked, “What is it you want?”

“**kairos**”- His answer- vs. 5- “Then I prayed to the God of heaven, I answered the king, ‘If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send *me* to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried *so that I can rebuild it.*”

“**chronos**”- vs. 6- “Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, ‘How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?’ It pleased the king to send me...”

Nehemiah's answer- vs. 6- “...so I set a time.” (“**chronos**”)

# NEHEMIAH- “PRAYER POWER” (KAIROS); “PLANNING PROCESS” (CHRONOS)

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**vs. 7-8-** “I also said to him, ‘If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy? (**Planning Process- Chronos**) And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests (**Prayer Power- Kairos**).”

# APPLICATION

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- ✘ As Nehemiah “set a time” to take specific steps to accomplish his purpose, so also we need to set goals and projected timelines to accomplish these goals
- ✘ **Application questions:**
- ✘ What is my projected time line to accomplish my purpose and vision?
  - + Now?
  - + Six months from now?
  - + One year from now?
  - + Three years from now?

# STEP 5- CAPITAL

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- ✘ ***Nehemiah 2:8-*** “...may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy? ? (**Planning Process**) And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests (**Prayer Power**).”
- ✘ ***Luke 14:28-33-*** **Count the cost! (Life is “Building & Battles”)**
- ✘ ***Matthew 6:19-21-*** **“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

# OUR “KAIROS” MEETING OUR “CHRONOS” TIME?

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Example- three questions in a leadership training class:

- What would you do if the Lord prospered your congregation so that 100 new people came into your church?*
- If someone donated \$1,000,000 to your ministry, what would you do with the money?*
- What would you do if you had the unlimited power of the Holy Spirit at your disposal?*

# 8 KEY BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT MONEY

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- ✘ **Matthew 6:24**
- ✘ **Philippians 4:11-13**
- ✘ **Luke 12:15**
- ✘ **Psalms 37:21**
- ✘ **1 Timothy 6:6-12**
- ✘ **Matthew 6:25, 33**
- ✘ **Proverbs 30:7-9**
- ✘ **Proverbs 13:11**

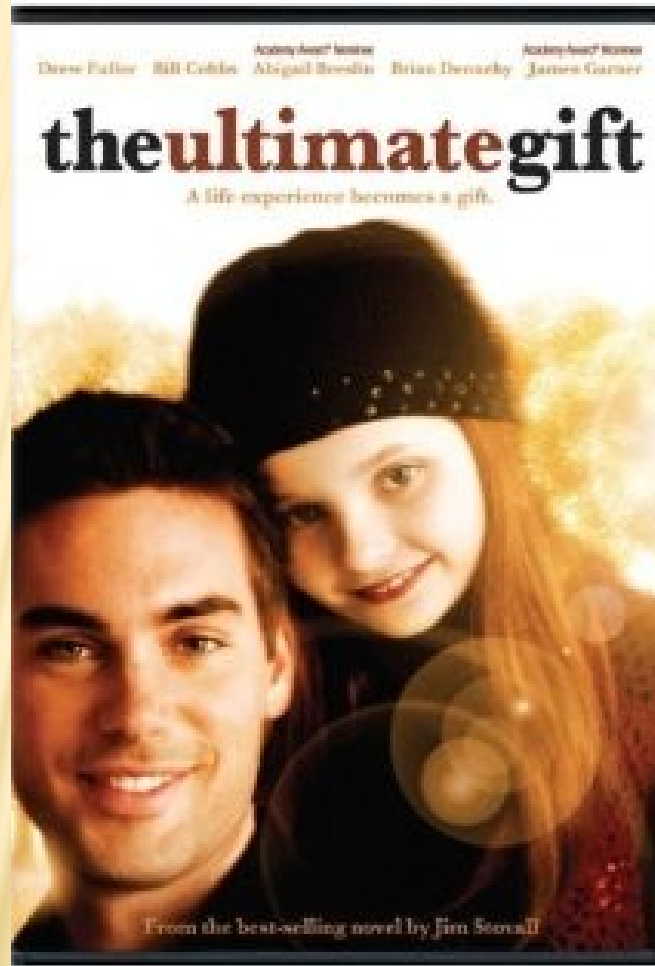
# MALACHI 3:8-10- THE PRINCIPLE OF THE TITHE

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- × **Malachi 3:8-** "Will a man rob God?"
- × The people responded, "How have we robbed you?"
- × The Lord answered, "In tithes and offerings."
- × The primary principle of the tithe is that God owns everything!
- × A promise in **Malachi 3:10-** "Bring the whole tithe...and test me in this- see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

# “THE ULTIMATE GIFT”- TRAILER

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# APPLICATION

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- ✘ As Nehemiah gathered resources for his project, so also we need to assess and gather the financial resources to accomplish our purpose for the Lord.

## **Application questions:**

- ✘ What resources will I need to accomplish my dreams?
- ✘ What are some possible sources for these resources?

# ASSIGNMENT NEXT WEEK

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- ✘ Read Swindoll- Chap. 13-14
- ✘ Read Amerman- Chap. 8 (p. 75- 81)- Integrating my leadership of others
- ✘ In your journal, prayerfully think through and answer application questions- p. 76-77 & 80-81.
- ✘ Begin to work on your “Goals sheet”- p. 89- Set goals in the following areas: Family, Financial, Vocational, Social, Spiritual, Mental, Emotional, Physical
- ✘ Swindoll- Write a one paragraph summary of Chapters 13-14

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