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Think how clean you will feel, figure out how much money you will save, consider your influence over others. And by the way, friend, this god not only ruins your teeth and breath, but many times plants a cancer in your lungs.

You may think that Henry Cloud had lost his buttons, but what about you?
Time seems to be one of our biggest problems when it comes to getting the things done that need our attention.

I am reminded of the story my father-in-law told me about an Indian by the name of Raleigh. He related how his father went to visit Raleigh, who was very ill with tuberculosis. At the close of their visit, the Indian asked to see his father’s watch. His father pulled out his cheap pocket watch for him to examine. Then Raleigh reached under his pillow and brought forth a fine gold snap case time piece. His father estimated it to be worth $150.00. Raleigh said, "I want you to have this, I will not need time much longer." A few days later the Indian died.

There comes a day when time runs out for all of us and we, too, will have a need for it any longer. Time can mean a lot of things to us if used properly. It can mean money for some, pleasure for others, blessings, joy, heartache, sin, or just waste. You determine how much of the time you possess will be used. We are aware that much of your time has already been predetermined. Such as time for eating, sleeping, getting an education, etc.

Yet, you are the master of much time. It is your privilege to decide how many hours of your day will be wasted or used wisely. Some day, time will be no more for you. Therefore, God’s admonition is, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 6:16.

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I was amused with the story of Frank Hall Wright, an Indian Evangelist, as related by my father-in-law. It seems that Wright traveled among the tribes conducting camp meetings (similar to our revival meetings, except many times the camp meeting was accompanied by much eating). The unique thing I remember he said about Wright was his custom of dressing up for the evening meal. My father-in-law stated that Wright had lived for some time in the east where he developed his habit. This was quite a contrast to the Indians' customs, some of whom seldom changed garments even once each week. He explained that Wright dressed up to honor God and demonstrate that Christians should be clean.

The Bible has something to say about our garments and our manner of dress. However, in this modern age people see how near undressed they can appear in public. The way Frank Hall Wright dressed impressed the Indians. The way you dress, or do not dress, impresses people today. Half dressed men and women on the streets and in the stores will never win this world to Christ. Such dress inspires the worship of Baal—just the flesh and the like.

One of the first things God gave attention to in the Garden of Eden was providing proper clothes for Adam and Eve. However, today many have reverted back to fig leaf dress. Think of the impression this makes upon the public! It causes one to seriously question the intentions of some women who parade in fig leaf attire. Why not join the worthy woman, "who maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple". So Proverbs describes a well-dressed woman.

Brethren and Sisters, take heed to your habits of dress. One step further, dress up in clothes from the wardrobe suggested in Ephesians six and you will be considered a well-dressed person.

Jesus said, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." (Luke 14:23)