



TIMEOUT!

Beyond The Baseline #2
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The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, ¹⁹ but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. **Mark 4:18-19 (NLT)**

How do I make my timeouts productive?

1. Stop!

» Timeout = a brief suspension of activity.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. **Exodus 20:8-11 (NIV)**

*Bear in mind that the Lord has **given** you the **Sabbath**;* **Exodus 16:29 (NIV)**

2. Bring God into your Huddle!

» Look at what He has already said!

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **Mark 1:35 (NIV)**

Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.” ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

1 Samuel 24:5-7 (NIV)

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We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. ² People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. ³ Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. **Proverbs 16:1-3 (NLT)**

3. Examine Yourself!

It is a day of sabbath rest, and you must deny yourselves; it is a lasting ordinance. **Leviticus 16:31 (NIV)**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? **2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)**

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.” **Haggai 1:5-6 (NIV)**

4. Draw Up a Play!

I pondered the direction of my life, and I turned to follow your laws. **Psalms 119:59 (NLT)**

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord. ⁹ “You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty. “Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.” **Haggai 1:7-9 (NIV)**

5. Repeat!

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