**CREATIVE IN CAPTIVITY**

**Romans 8:28**

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Joseph

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

The Apostle Paul

He did not waste the extra time on his hands. Instead he redeemed the time by writing Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.

Philemon 1:4 “*I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers”*

*Colossians 1:15 “The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”*

*Col. 3:2 “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”*

*Phil. 4:13 “I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”*

*Phil. 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

*Phil. 4:8 “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”*

##### *Phil. 1:6 “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

*Phil. 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”*

***EPHESIANS: 2:8***

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

[**Ephesians 4:11**](http://topverses.com/Bible/Ephesians/4/11)

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers.”

[**Ephesians 6:10**](http://topverses.com/Bible/Ephesians/6/10)**-12**

**10**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11**Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. **12**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

[**Ephesians 4:1**](http://topverses.com/Bible/Ephesians/4/1)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

**EPH 5:15-20 NKJV**

**15**See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **16**redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

**17**Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is.* **18**And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **19**speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **20**giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

*(*[*New International Version*](http://biblehub.com/niv/ephesians/5.htm)*)  
“…making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”*

*(*[*New American Standard Bible*](http://biblehub.com/nasb/ephesians/5.htm)*)  
“…making the most of your time…”  
  
(*[*English Standard Version*](http://biblehub.com/esv/ephesians/5.htm)*)  
“…making the best use of the time…”  
  
(*[*Contemporary English Version*](http://biblehub.com/cev/ephesians/5.htm)*)  
“…These are evil times, so make every minute count.”*

Eccl. 3:1 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every purpose under heaven” (Solomon)

“A TIME to every PURPOSE”