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**God gives time but He wants . . . . . 6:1-3**

Noah had . . . . . years to build the ark.

Teach us to number our days so we may gain a heart of wisdom. Ps 90:12

Be very careful how you live; not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16

**God gives relationships but He wants . . . . . 6:1-4**

When I laid the earth's foundation... the morning stars sang together; all the **sons of God** shouted for joy. Job 38:4-7

When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. Mark 12:24-25

The Lord [and two angels] appeared to Abraham... Abraham looked up and saw three men... These two angels arrived at Sodom... The men of Sodom called out... 'Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.' Genesis 18:1-19:5

God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to Tartarus, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment. 2 Peter 2:4

After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. 1 Pet.3:18-20

**God gives feelings but He wants . . . . . 6:5-8**

The Lord regretted that He had made human beings on the earth, and His heart was deeply troubled. Genesis 6:6

**God gives orders but He wants . . . . . 6:9-22**

Find a good . . . . . Build a good . . . . . Get a clear . . . . .  
 Get God's . . . . . Develop a helpful . . . . . Ensure sound . . . . .  
 Confidently . . . . . Inspire . . . . . Be future . . . . .

**This week's prayer priorities**

Praise God because He is...

Thank God because He...

Ask God because He is...

**For personal reflection, or as discussion starters**

1. What has been the biggest tasks you have accomplished in your life?
2. Average life-spans before the Flood were ten times longer than today. If you could live ten life-times what would you like to achieve?
3. Read Psalm 90:1-6,12. If you knew the date you were going to Heaven, what would you do differently on earth?
4. Read Ephesians 5:15-16. What does it mean to "be very careful how you live"? Skim through the remainder of Ephesians, which terms resonate with you as being a "wise" way to live?
5. God experiences the whole range of emotions. Which emotion do you most appreciate within yourself, and within others? Which emotion do you least appreciate within yourself, and within others?
6. How would you advise an emotionally volatile person to better manage the expression of their feelings?
7. What makes Noah such an attractive personality? (Gen.6:9,22)

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