

PRIORITIZING OUR DAYS – ROCK ILLUSTRATION

Sometimes we find ourselves in a rut, living day-to-day, crisis-to-crisis, and never really getting beyond that. We have 24 hours in our day with 72 hours of things to do. OR we sit idly by, not knowing what we can do to make a difference. God has each one of us here for a reason and for such a time as this. So, how can we make the most of every day, starting TODAY? How can we **make TODAY count**?

Roy Kelly is an example of someone who creatively made each day count after he received his diagnosis of terminal cancer. After some time, he and his wife chose to throw a party and invite all their friends. During the festivities, Roy announced his purpose in the party, stating that it was a cancer party and that he and his wife decided to start an organization called MTC ***Make Today Count***. He made each guest present a charter member.

As Christians, how can we creatively ***MAKE TODAY COUNT*** in the battles we are facing? What does each day look like in light of eternity? How can we prioritize our day to ***MAKE TODAY COUNT*** and get out of the rut or rat-race we find ourselves in, falling further behind? How do we find time for the things that really matter?

Psalm 90:12 ¹² *So teach us to number our days, that we may present a heart of wisdom.* ¹³ *Return, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on Your servants. ...*

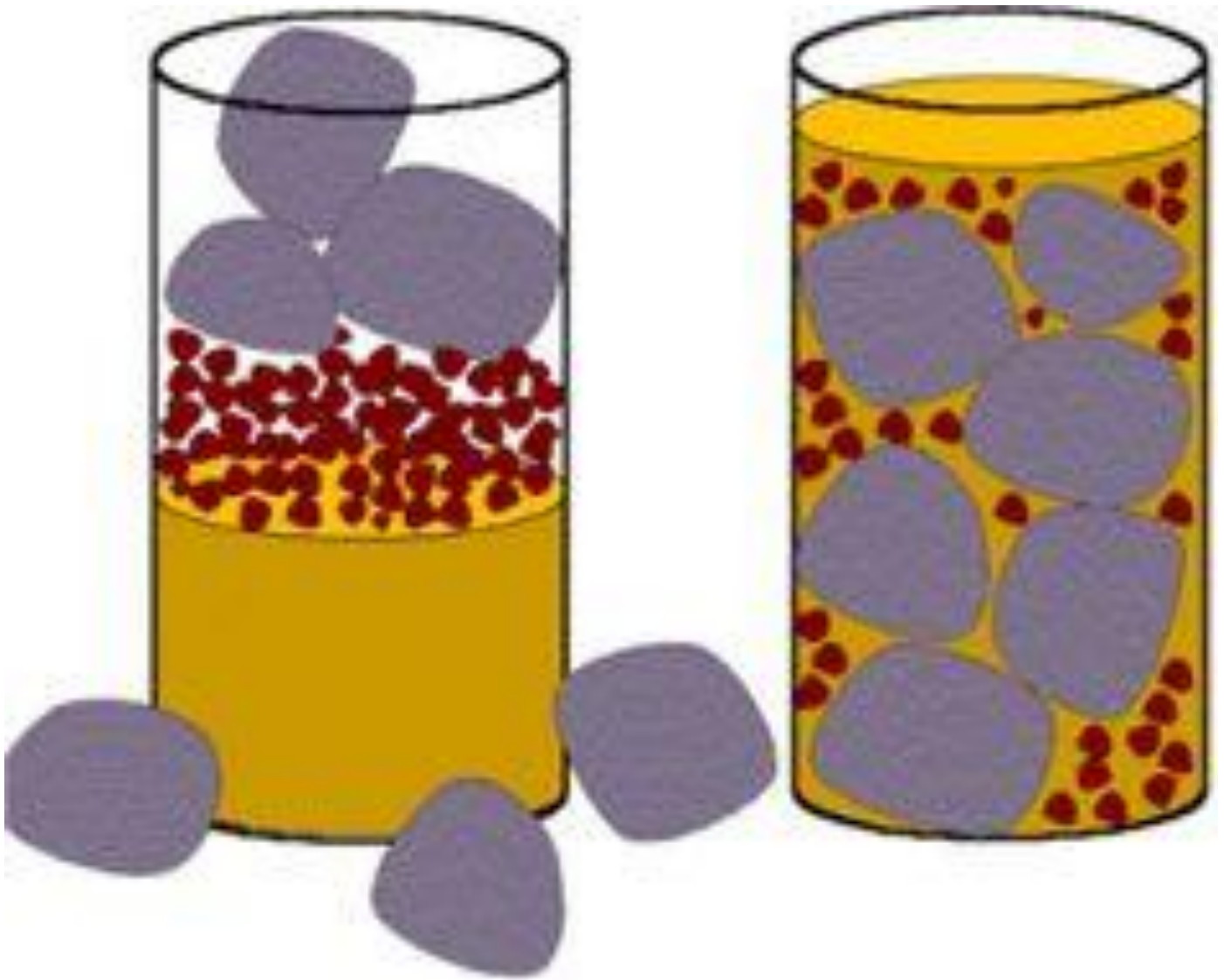
The illustration of the rocks, pebbles, sand, and water can help us better prioritize our day

- The Big Rocks – are the most important things we know we should be focusing on each day (Identify what those things are on each rock and fill the glass container with them)
- The pebbles.- are the things that need to be done but are not as important as the rocks. (pour some pebbles into the container as you name what those things may be for you)
- The sand – are the unessential, but fun things we like to do like hobbies, trips, TV
- The water then fills up the rest of the container
- But look! It all fits when you put the BIG Rocks/items in first!
- If we start with the non-essentials for our day, we crowd out the important things, and over time, this can lead to a non-productive lifestyle, not **MAKING TODAY COUNT**. (illustrate in a 2nd container of the same size w/same size/# of rocks, pebbles, sand, & water) See Illustration picture

MAKE TODAY COUNT!

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What are your rock, pebble, sand, and water priorities?



SHOWERING
AMAZON
HOMEWORK
PINTEREST
COUPONING
READING
SERVING
CLEAN
CAREER
R&R
HEALTH
PRAYER
FRIENDS
VACATION
SERMONS
MEETINGS
WORK
PEDICURE
CHURCH
INVESTMENTS
SPOTIFY
EMAILS
BILLPAY
PHONECALLS
FAMILYTIME
NEWS
MOVIES
DRESSING
SKINCARE
MANICURE
EXERCISE
BIBLETIME
WALKING
DATE NIGHT
HOBBIES
TRIPS
EATING
COOK
NOTE WRITING
DRIVETIME
YARDWORK
TIC TOC
SHOPPING
FACEBOOK
PARTYING
SPORTS
MONEY MANAGEMENT
INSTAGRAM
GROCERIES
SNAPCHAT
MAKEUP
NETFLIX
SCHOOL
MASSAGE



Bibletime, sermons, **prayer**, eating, health, exercise, **walking**, career, **Datenight**, FamilyTime, **hobbies**, phonecalls, **notewriting**, trips, **TV**, yardwork, **vacation**, DriveTime, **news**, friends, **serving**, movies, **shopping**, ProfessionalDevelopment, **reading**, R&R, **MoneyManagement**, billpay, **couponing**, investments, **church**, sleep, **cook**, clean, **Facebook**, Twitter, Instagram, **TicToc**, Snapchat, **meetings**, sports, **Pinterest**, emails, **Spotify**, Netflix, **partying**, work, **dressing**, skincare, **makeup**, manicure, **pedicure**, massage, **groceries**, Amazon, **showering**, school, **homework**