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IT'S TIME TO TAKE TIME

Years ago my older son, then a teenager, and I dropped by the local Hallmark gift shop to find a card for Mother's Day. As I roamed across the endless field of choices, Curt got bored and wandered back to the posters.

After a while he called for me to come look at one he had found. It was a large picture of a boat in the middle of a very still lake, either at dawn or dusk. A father was sitting at one end, the son at the other, both fishing. Tiny circlets of ripples surrounded each cork as the lines stretched lazily from pole to water. Both were smiling and obviously enjoying those leisure hours together. Two words were neatly printed at the bottom of that exquisite scene of solitude: TAKE TIME.

The memory of that moment causes me to pause....occasionally at birthdays....often at anniversaries....and especially at holidays. Do you ever stop on these days and think about the importance of taking time for your family? Please do.

If we're not careful, we will spend those special days preoccupied in a squirrel cage of activities and distractions. Please don't. With long hours of free time sitting there unaccountable, we'll be tempted to fill them with "necessary" work projects, a half-dozen piddling little time-consuming assignments, preoccupied for hours with our smartphone, or even a whole day hanging out with a few of our buddies. Not good choices.

Stop before saying yes to any of the above. Instead, let's ask ourselves, "Why not spend some quiet time with one of my kids?" or maybe, "Shouldn't my family get my undivided attention for a change?" It's time for us to take time. AMEN

~ Dr. Charles R. Swindoll

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."
Matthew 28:18 – 20

