

# The Golden Ticket Believers Must Redeem Daily

“When the Lord takes daily attendance in life’s classroom, could He mark you “present”?

That question captured my imagination this morning. You can probably remember days in school in which you were present in the classroom, but you weren’t *there*.

Your mind was somewhere else. Perhaps you were looking out the window. Or maybe you were daydreaming. Maybe you decided to skip class altogether.

But you weren’t fully engaged.

Is that same habit robbing you of abundant life? Ephesians 5:15-16 says:

“See then that you walk carefully (or circumspectly), not as fools, but as wise men, making the most of the time because the days are evil.”

In my meditation upon this Scripture, I had a mental image of the Lord giving each of His people a golden ticket at the start of the day, much like a raffle or lottery ticket.

But there is one catch: Each day, you get a new golden ticket. You can’t redeem yesterday’s ticket today. You can only redeem today’s ticket on the day it is given.

If you don’t redeem each day’s ticket, you forfeit that day’s rewards.

That golden ticket represents your daily time. Your golden ticket represents unlimited potential. How will you redeem your day today?

Options could include:

- Sharing your testimony about what Jesus has done for you
- Performing an act of kindness to help someone else
- Giving an extra kiss to your spouse
- Running around the backyard with your children
- Singing badly as you clean up the house
- Praying for a stranger
- Building a habit that makes you healthier and stronger

The possibilities are endless! The origin of the word *circumspect* means to “look around.” This is the opposite of going through your life in a brain fog.

This Scripture urges you to live in a way that “looks around.” You seek daily opportunities to make a positive difference in your life and others’.

The Lord has a purpose and a plan for you. Your purpose is far greater than any pain you might have experienced in the past. If you don’t know your purpose, then make that a point of diligent, daily prayer.

Most importantly, don’t wait until you know the entire plan before taking action. At the minimum, use your spiritual gifts daily. Act upon what you know today.

Redeem your daily golden ticket so that it multiplies into golden blessings, both for yourself and others.

How will you redeem your golden ticket today? {eoa}

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