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(4) My plan not to repeat this sin and to respond biblically instead (Titus 2:11-14)

Speak biblically.

I will look for opportunities to thank my husband and to praise him for all he does for me and the boys. I will ask him to forgive me for being so selfish with my time, and for refusing to consider his needs. I will thank God for giving me a praying husband who is completely serious about God's word, and sincerely tries to model biblical behavior wherever he goes. I will ask for help when I need it.

Act biblically.

I will use my time wisely throughout the day, looking on the things of others, rather than on my own things (Philippians 2:4). I will put God first, my husband's needs second, and my children third. I will serve my husband as though he were Jesus Christ himself. I will plan our meals at the beginning of the week, and determine how long it takes to make each meal, so that I can make sure to start cooking at a reasonable hour.

My contingency plan for overcoming unwise use of time:

As soon as I feel like using my time foolishly I will **S.T.O.P.**:

Surrender my desire to use my time foolishly. I will make sure the major things are taken care of before my husband gets home. (The clothes can wait, but dinner can't.) I will ask God for wisdom in putting my priorities in order.

Think of the situation biblically, reminding myself that no situation is worth being disobedient to God by refusing to honor the husband that He has given to me. I will study Proverbs 31 in order to become a more biblical wife and mother.

Open my heart to receive God's wisdom. I can pray and ask God to help me get my priorities in order in the morning, and then follow God's leadership throughout each day.

Prepare for God's blessings, knowing that He will richly bless those who seek to do His will. I will keep my focus on the prize rather than on the problem. I will remind myself that God is working in my life every moment, and that time wasted cannot be made up. I will remember that God can use any situation to make me more Christ-like as I am obedient to His will.

If I fail to keep my plan:

I will confess my sinful behavior to the Lord and seek to be reconciled to those against whom I have sinned.

I will start on my basic plan again immediately, making adjustments as necessary.