

Stewardship 09- #01 Our Time

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- **Introduction;**
- *Steward* simply means manager
- *Stewardship* has to do with what we do with all that God gives to us and has already given us

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

- Nothing we have belongs to us, it was given to us by God and we are to manage it properly
- The beginning point of Stewardship is obedience
- Obedience takes faith
- Our goal in Stewardship should be pleasing God, not just getting by
- Life is a gift from God, and he asks us to give it back to Him

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- *Reasonable* = makes sense, adds up.
- Our life is not even ours

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

- Our life is basically the time God has given to us
- We should not waste the time God has given to us, we should use it for His honor and glory

Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

Ephesians 5:15-16 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- God wants all of our time, we are just stewards

1 Thess 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt *meditate therein day and night*, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

- All of our time and life should be built around Him
- Everybody has been given the same amount of time per day

Ps 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

- Understanding how short our time on earth is will lead us to better, more Godly living

James 4:14-15 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

- Tips on better handling your time as a wise steward

1. Have the proper priorities

- Life is basically built around one's priorities
- Proper priorities come from God's Word

a) God

- Daily time with Him
- Four to Flourish

b) Family

- Spouse
- Children

c) Employment

d) Ministry / Soul Winning

2. Schedule your time

- Priorities will determine schedule
 - ill- Jar illustration
- If something is important you will make time for it
 - Ill- V. Lombardi- Guy on time to meeting- On time is 15 min. early

- If Christ and this church are a priority in your life, practice the “Four to Flourish” principle
 - Ill- never work on Sundays

3. Reduce your commitments

- If your too busy get rid of the non-essentials
- Make sure the majority of your time is on the priorities

4. Learn to say no to good things

- Some things aren't wrong, but they are just not as important as other things.
- Learn and use the word “no”

5. Watch out for time wasters

a) People

b) Things

- We only have one life to live, let's live it right. Live it for God and by His principles.