

Seven Areas of Stewardship II

“Time and Talent”

A steward is one who actively manages and faithfully oversees the affairs, enterprise and business of another.

Stewards are held accountable for their actions, failures, progress and success.

I

God is eternal, timeless.

God lives outside of time.

God creates time for the earth.

NKJV **Genesis 1:14** Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for **signs and seasons, and for days and years;**

Time is measured in the earth by seconds, minutes, hours, days, month, years and decades.

KJV **Exodus 20:8** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ **Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:** ¹⁰ But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it **thou shalt not do any work,** thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

We have 168 hours every week, 24 hours a day 7 days a week. 24/7

We are told to live a 24/6 life

We are told to stop, unplug, disconnect and rest one day a week.

II

Time is how we faithfully measure our lives

God invades time at His will.

NKJV Galatians 4:4 But **when the fullness of the time** had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

God's time may not be your time.

Procrastination means to put off intentionally the doing of something that should be done.

Procrastination limits your options.

- Procrastination is the greatest enemy to productivity.

Learn how to...

- Delete - say no and carefully manage your to do list
- Delagate tasks which are better suited for another's skill set
- Defer – postpone, reschedule to another time non-essential task
- Do act on priorities, essential tasks immediately.

Time is only important to people who are going somewhere.

III

Talent is what we have been given and faithfully use to succeed in time and life.

- Talent is the natural endowments of a person.
- Talent is a special often athletic, creative, or artistic aptitude.
- Talent is general intelligence or mental power.

Talent can be **cultivated** with passion, motivation, patience and practice.

NKJV Psalm 78:70 He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; ⁷¹ From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. ⁷² So he shepherded them according to **the integrity of his heart**, And guided them by **the skillfulness of his hand**.

David grew in his shepherding ability.

Skill is **developed** ability over time.

Jesus, the Son of David, grew from talent to a leader.

NLT Luke 2:52 Jesus **grew** in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

NKJV Luke 2:52 And Jesus **increased** in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Jesus grew and increased...

- **Mentally** in His mind
- Physically in His body
- **Spiritually** with God
- **Relationally** with men

Talent needs to be **developed** and **increased**.

Develop as a steward, the seed of talent, God has invested in you.

“You cannot increase your time, however you can increase your value”