

Stewardship of Our Time

Stewardship.....a definition

the proper management of my life including my time, talents, and possessions, in order to glorify God and advance His work on earth

Chapter 6 of Gordon MacDonald's book, *Ordering Your Private World*, is titled, "Has Anyone Seen My Time? I've Misplaced It!" Time seems to be the rarest of all commodities. Where does it go? Well, according to a Pennsylvania consulting firm, the average American over the course of a lifetime will spend.....

- 6 months sitting at stoplights
- 8 months opening junk mail
- 1 year searching for misplaced objects
- 2 years trying to return phone calls
- 5 years standing in line!



On your cell phone under "settings" there is a feature called "Screen Time" which measures the time you spend on your phone.

Paul instructs us to "Redeem the Time" (Ephesians 5:16)

- redeem = "buy up"
- "make the most of the time and opportunities"
- use time and opportunity to live for and serve the LORD

Galatians 6:10 ~ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.

Colossians 4:5 ~ Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

- Why make the most of time and opportunities?

Answer: "because the days are evil"

- The LORD has given each of us 24 hours each day and His will can be accomplished each and every day within that time frame!!

LESSONS FOR OUR LIVES:

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