

The Stewardship of Time and Eternity

Entrusted Series

Sermon by: Pastor Bo

Bible Texts Used: James 4:14ⁱ; Colossians 3:1-2ⁱⁱ; Matthew 16:27ⁱⁱⁱ; Romans 13:11^{iv}; Psalm 90:12^v; Jeremiah 6:16^{vi}

1. Time Is a Sacred Trust

Pastor Bo opened by reminding us that God gives us 86,400 seconds every day—a limited and precious resource. Time does not roll over, and we can't earn more. James 4:14 says our life is “a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” Because our time is short, we must steward it well, spending it on things that matter eternally rather than things that fade away.

Reflection Question: *What would change in your week if you truly believed your time was a sacred gift from God?*

2. Live with Eternity in Mind

Reading from Colossians 3:1-2, Pastor Bo encouraged us to “set our sights on the realities of heaven.” The things that last forever—our relationship with God and the souls of others—are what truly count. He warned that the enemy wants to waste our days on distractions and busyness. When we keep eternity before us, our priorities shift: we live intentionally, love generously, and serve purposefully.

Reflection Question: *Are my current priorities more focused on temporary comfort or eternal impact?*

3. Take Control of Your Schedule

Using the image of a car out of alignment, Pastor Bo said many of us are spiritually “pulling to one side.” We have filled our calendars so full that there’s no room left for God or rest. God calls us to realign—to find the “ancient paths” (Jeremiah 6:16): prayer, family, worship, and simplicity. He urged everyone to practice the “Take 15 Challenge” each day—5 minutes of prayer, 5 minutes in God’s Word, and 5 minutes of worship. That small margin can transform our peace, balance, and focus.

Reflection Question: *What can I say no to this week so I can say yes to what truly matters?*

4. Guard What You Consume

“What we consume, we become,” Pastor Bo said. The media, habits, and influences we allow into our hearts shape who we are. Philippians 3:18-19^{vii} warns that many “think only about life here on earth.” Likewise, 1 Corinthians 10:23^{viii} reminds us that not everything beneficial is constructive. We’re called to fill our minds and bodies with what nourishes our faith and draws us nearer to Christ.

Reflection Question: *What daily inputs (music, media, conversations, habits) are shaping me most—and do they honor Christ?*

5. Live Intentionally—The Rule of Five

Quoting Psalm 90:12— “Teach us to number our days”—Pastor Bo challenged us to live on purpose because we have a purpose. He shared his personal Rule of Five:

1. Spend time with God every day.
2. Study God’s Word daily.
3. Love and invest in family.
4. Make a difference in one person’s life each day.
5. Care for yourself—rest, restore, and renew. Daily disciplines create intentional living and eternal impact.

Reflection Question: Which of these five daily disciplines could help bring your life back into alignment with God’s purpose?

Closing Thought

Life moves quickly—but the light is green. God is inviting us to move forward, to stop wasting time, and to step into the life He is prepared for us. Every second is a gift; every act of service will be rewarded by the One who sees it all.

“Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” — Psalm 90:12

ⁱ “... yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So, whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you.” (James 4:14–5:1, ESV)

ⁱⁱ “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”
(Colossians 3:1–4, ESV)

iii *“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.”* (Matthew 16:26–27, ESV)

iv *“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.”* (Romans 13:11, ESV)

v *“So, teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”* (Psalm 90:12, ESV)

vi *“Thus says the Lord: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it and find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”* (Jeremiah 6:16, ESV)

vii *“For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”* (Philippians 3:18–19, ESV)

viii *““All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.”* (1 Corinthians 10:23, ESV)