

*Principles  
Of  
Biblical Stewardship*

*Can God Trust Me With More  
Part II*

Are You *MAXIMIZING*  
*The Time, The Talent* and *The Treasure*  
That God has *ENTRUSTED* With You

*How?*

Awareness of *Ownership*  
Awareness of *Capacity*  
Awareness of *Accountability*  
Awareness of *Rewards*

# Stewardship of Time

There are many *inequities* in the world, but one thing we *all* have in common is the *same amount of time each day*.  
It doesn't matter how rich or famous or skilled or important or wise you are – you get *24 hours* in a day just like everyone else.

*At this very moment, God is depositing precious seconds into your “time bank account”*

*Just imagine someone giving you \$86,400 every day.... Use it up ~ There will be more deposited tomorrow...*

## *Time Is A Gift From God*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NKJV)*

*1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:*

*2 A time to be born, And a time to die;*

*As maturing stewards, we receive **TIME AS A GIFT FROM GOD** and strive to **MAKE THE BEST USE OF IT...***

*Because it is a Precious Gift... God expects us to care for it...watch over it...and to use it in a certain way  
The Scriptures exhort us to invest our time wisely, reminding us that God determines the length of our stay on earth.*

*Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV)*

*27 And as it is **appointed for men to die once**, but **after this the judgment...***

*Luke 16:1-2 (NKJV)*

*1 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was **wasting his goods**. 2 So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? **GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP....**'"*

# Stewardship of Time

Just as it is wise to *budget our financial resources*, it is also wise to *budget our use of time*.

If we do not regularly assess the way we spend our **168 HOURS PER WEEK**, our schedules will get *cluttered with activities* that may be **GOOD**, but **NOT THE BEST**. If we do not plan our schedules and decide what we should and should not do, **OTHERS WILL DECIDE FOR US**.

*John 2:3-4 (ESV)*

3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “**THEY HAVE NO WINE.**”

4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, *what does this have to do with me?* My hour has not yet come.”

Learning how to be a good steward of your time will not only help you to **BE PRODUCTIVE**, but it will help you to **GLORIFY GOD WITH YOUR TIME**. Stewarding your time also causes you to **BE IN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE**, **LIVE A FULFILLING LIFE** and **MAINTAIN YOUR PEACE**. If **BOUNDARIES** are not set, you will feel the strain/struggle of **OTHER PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES**.

# Principle #1 ~ It Begins With Understanding Purpose

Each of us have been given enough time to accomplish **GOD'S PURPOSE** for us on this planet.  
Are we using our **TIME** in a way that **HONORS GOD** and **BLESSES OTHERS**...

*Luke 2:42-50 (NKJV)*

42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.  
43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days **they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.** 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 8 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this **TO US**? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."  
49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? **Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?**"  
50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

**Don't expect others to understand YOUR PURPOSE and YOUR PRIORITIES**

*John 9:4 (NKJV)*

4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me **WHILE IT IS DAY**; the **NIGHT IS COMING** when no one can work.

**His PURPOSE dictated how he would spend HIS TIME....**

# Principle #1 ~ It Begins With Understanding Purpose

When You Understand **PURPOSE** ~ It may not align with other's **PREFERENCE**

## Personal Example

**MY PURPOSE** Is To Teach and Grow Disciples ~ **MY PROFESSION** Is To Pastor

*Acts 6:1-4 (NKJV)*

- 1 Now in those days, when the number of the **disciples was multiplying**, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.
- 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "**It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.**"
- 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;
- 4 **BUT WE WILL GIVE OURSELVES CONTINUALLY TO PRAYER AND TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**
- 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...

*Jeremiah 3:15 (NKJV)*

- 15 And I will **give you shepherds according to My heart**, who will **feed you with knowledge and understanding**.

## My Time Is Predicated On Purpose

*Mark 1:35-39 (NLT)*

- 35 Before daybreak the next morning, **Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.**
- 36 Later Simon and the others went out to find him. 37 When they found him, they said, "**EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU.**"
- 38 But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and **I WILL PREACH TO THEM, too. THAT IS WHY I CAME.**"
- 39 So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

## Principle #2 ~ My Perspective Makes A Difference

When It Comes To Time, We Must **CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE**

**TIME IS OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET**, but without a **PROPER PERSPECTIVE**, we will spend it **foolishly**.

We Need To Realize That We Don't **Own Time** {It's Borrowed}

*James 4:13-15 (NKJV)*

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas **you do not know what will happen tomorrow**. For what is your life? **It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away**. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

**Make Plans**, but **prayerfully consider** that it is the Lord who **gifts you with the time** to accomplish your tasks

*Notice The Duration of Time ~ Time Is Short*

*Notice Who Controls The Time ~ We **don't know** about tomorrow, but we live like we have **plenty of time***

### **My Perspective**

**The Only Time We Have Is The Present ~ I Can't Waste It Foolishly**

**"Get the Bag Mentality"**

**What Good Is It To Have A Lot Of Dollars and Run Out Of Days....**

## Principle #3 ~ The Priority Of Our Time

Our **PERSPECTIVE** On Time Will Directly **IMPACT OUR PRIORITIES**

**TAKE TIME** to **IDENTIFY** what **YOUR PRIORITIES ARE**.

Once you have identified what **YOUR PRIORITIES ARE**, align them in **CATEGORIZED ORDER...**  
with those most closely **aligned to your purpose**, **FIRST**. Decision making becomes easier...  
as the decisions that are closest to your **top priorities take precedence**.

**PRIORITIZING** leads to **MAXIMIZING PRODUCTIVITY** in line with **YOUR PURPOSE**.

Instead of trying to **manage multiple things** at one time, **MAXIMIZE** what you have **PRIORITIZED**

Luke 10:38-42 (ESV)

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called **Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching**.

40 But **Martha was distracted with much serving**. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things**, 42 but **ONE THING IS NECESSARY**. **Mary has chosen the good portion**, which will not be taken away from her."

**REORGANIZE YOUR PRIORITIES**, to spend your time doing what matters **FOR ALL ETERNITY**

This doesn't mean **give up rest, television, and extracurricular activities**. It does mean **PRIORITIZING YOUR TIME**  
to benefit the kingdom instead of doing things that will fade away.

It does mean when doing those things, we are still operating in purpose.

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## Example

### Planning A Dallas Trip

Packing/Planning ~ 5 Hours

Traveling On The Highway ~ 3 Hours On The Highway

Shopping and Entertainment ~ 16 Hours

The **NECESSARY PART** May Be 10 minutes ~ \_\_\_\_\_

## Gas Up

*Joshua 1:8 (NIV)*

8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **MEDITATE ON IT DAY AND NIGHT**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. **THEN YOU WILL BE PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL.**

*Psalm 1:2-3 (NIV)*

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on **HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT.**

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. **WHATEVER HE DOES PROSPERS.**

Out of the **168 Hours a Week** ~~~ Do You **Prioritize The Word**

# Principle #4 ~ The Planning Of Our Time

What *Gets Scheduled* Gets *DONE*....

~~~ Put a *PLAN IN PLACE* that *ALIGNS TO YOUR PRIORITIES* ~~~

*Planning* is as important as *identifying your priorities*. In order to give any effect to your priorities, *there needs to be a plan*. An *EFFECTIVE PLAN* will outline goals that are in line with your *PRIORITIES*

## God Provides A Blueprint For Priority, Planning, and Productivity

*In the beginning - God started creation*

*The first day - light was created*

*The second day - the sky was created*

*The third day - dry land, seas, plants and trees were created*

*The fourth day - the Sun, Moon and stars were created*

*The fifth day - creatures that live in the sea and creatures that fly were created*

*The sixth day - animals that live on the land and finally humans, made in the image of God were created*

*Day seven - God FINISHED HIS WORK OF CREATION AND RESTED, making the seventh day a special holy day.*

## At the End of Each Day Was An Evaluation

*Genesis 1:18 (NKJV)*

*18 .....And God saw that it was good.*

*At the End Of Each Day.... Evaluate Your Day... Thank God For The Strength Give To Complete Each Task...*

*Ask God For Strength To Overcome Any Mistakes Made Throughout The Day*

## Principle #4 ~ The Planning Of Our Time

Be Aware That The Spirit *Interrupts Our Plans For Purpose*

*Acts 16:4-10 (NLT)*

4 Then they went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew larger every day. 6 Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, *because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.* 7 Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, *but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there.* 8 So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas. 9 That night Paul had **A VISION**: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, *“Come over to Macedonia and help us!”* 10 So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News **THERE**.

*Spending Time With God Will Clarify Your Plans*

*Psalms 119:147-148 (NLT)*

147 *I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words.*  
148 *I stay awake through the night, thinking about your promise.*

*Genesis 19:27 (NKJV)*

27 And Abraham went *early in the morning* to the place where he had *stood before the LORD*.

*Mark 1:35 (NLT)*

35 *Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.*

## *Principle #5 ~ Be Productive With Your Time*

*GOD HAS GIFTED US WITH TIME... ARE WE PRODUCING ANY FRUIT*

*Colossians 4:5 (ESV)*

*5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, **MAKING THE BEST USE OF THE TIME.***

*Ephesians 5:15-16 (ESV)*

*15 Look carefully then **how you walk**, not as unwise **but as wise**,  
16 making the **BEST USE OF THE TIME**, because the days are evil.*

*If You Are **Faithful With Your Time**... You Will Be **Fruitful In Your Service***

*Our Prayer Should Be....*

*Psalm 90:12 (ESV)*

*12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

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