

We Are Stewards Of Time

Job 14:1-6

Time is the substance that this life is made of

Without time being allotted to us we would have no life

We are stewards of the portion of time that has been allotted to us

A steward is one who cares for the goods of another

Time belongs to God, He has left a portion with us to see after and to use acceptably

The requirements of a steward are found in

1Corinthians 4:2 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

The word "time" comes from the Greek word "chronos" and means:

of uncertain derivation; a space of time or interval; by extension, an individual opportunity; by implication, delay:--+ years old, season, space, (X often-)time(-s), (a) while.

With the space age, we become more aware of split-second timing

Time is the element sandwiched between eternities if you can do such

Our part of it is very short, insignificant compared to whole picture

I am willing to accept that the earth as we know it and that which is upon it has been around about 6000 years

I am 53 years old and if the Lord allows me to live to be 100 that still is a very short portion of even 6000 years

Look some scriptures on this matter

Job 7:6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And come to an end without hope.

Psalms 39:1-5; Psalm 90:1-12

James 4:13-15 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

Time Belongs To God

He has entrusted a portion to us for the purpose of doing His will

A 70 year old man only averages giving the Lord 1 year out of the 70

The average American spends 8 times more time in the movies than in Bible study

An average American keeps his television on over 6 hours a day

Misuse Of Our Time

An inventor took 1000 times to perfect his invention

When asked if he was now wasting time? he said, "No, I have now learned what not to do."

Notice, when he learned what not to do, he did not do it again

We hear of killing time

If we misuse our time, we are guilty of killing the time God gave us for doing good. If we are not living as we should, we are dead while we are living.

1Timothy 5:6 But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives.

We are not to be lazy or idle

In the scriptures we can read of lazy, idle people and how they fared

Proverbs 6:6-11 Go to the ant, O sluggard, Observe her ways and be wise, Which, having no chief, Officer or ruler, Prepares her food in the summer And gathers her provision in the harvest. How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest"— Your poverty will come in like a vagabond And your need like an armed man.

Proverbs 10:4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Proverbs 19:15 Laziness casts into a deep sleep, And an idle man will suffer hunger.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.

Proverbs 21:25 The desire of the sluggard puts him to death, For his hands refuse to work;

Proverbs 24:30-34 I passed by the field of the sluggard And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense, And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles; Its surface was covered with nettles, And its stone wall was broken down. When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, and received instruction. "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest," Then your poverty will come as a robber And your want like an armed man.

Proverbs 31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

Idle people become busybodies & meddlers in other people's business

1Timothy 5:13 At the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention.

Must be busy and never busybodies

1Thessalonians 4:10-12 for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

2Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

Romans 12:11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

We can misuse our time by:

Lack of application

Psalm 1

Colossians 4:5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Ephesians 5:15-16 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Lack of organization. Life lived in a haphazard fashion

Engaging in unwholesome entertainment and recreation

Reading trashy literature, watching filthy movies and TV

Listening to gossip and filthy, vulgar jokes

By brooding over the past

Worrying over tomorrow

Matthew 6:34 So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Procrastination. Putting off until later

Any time used that does not benefit someone with good, is misused

We Must Use Our Time Properly

The physical needs of our body are to be supplied with proper food, clothing and shelter

Mental growth is to be accomplished by studying & applying our minds to knowledge

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Spiritual needs are to be met

Ephesians 5:1-21

Hosea 10:12 Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance with kindness; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.

All of these needs are to be met at the same time in our lives

We are not to meet just one to the exclusion of the others

Yes, time is the precious commodity of life

Can we afford to misuse our portion of time?

2Corinthians 6:2 for He says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation"

Tomorrow may never come

Why not use this time, right now, to obey the Lord?

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