

# **STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TIME AND TALENT**

## **PART #2**

Wednesday Night Bible Study – Pastor G. Richardson  
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**Eph 5:15** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

a. (Take heed then how ye walk, strictly, Carefully, without stumbling)

**Eph 5:16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

a. (Making the most of every opportunity; make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days)

**Eph 5:17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. (Do not grow thoughtless)

**Eph 5:18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; (stimulants of the world, the substitutes) but be filled with the Spirit;

1. **Before we came to God, our time was eaten up with the desires of the flesh and things that would bring glory to self and not to the creator of our life.**
2. **No time for God, the church or for evangelism and serving God.**

**Eph 2:2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

**Eph 2:3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

**Eph 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

3. **Who Served the Creature more than the Creator:**

**Rom 1:25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

**LEAVE AND CLEAVE**

**Rth 1:16** And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:

**Rth 1:17** Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

**Mat 4:19** And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

**Mat 4:20** And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

**Gen 12:1** Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

**Gen 12:2** And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

**Gen 12:3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

**Gen 2:24** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

1. You must leave your earthly dreams and change them in for heavenly treasure.
2. Fame, Fortune, a name for yourself, earth goals,

**Mat 4:8** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

**Mat 4:9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

**Mat 4:10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

**Phi 3:7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

**Phi 3:8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

#### 4. **For what is your Life?**

**Jam 4:14** Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

“Only One Life, will soon be passed only what’s done for Christ will last”

**Joh 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

#### 5. **Make use of our Time:** “Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done”

1. Prayer
2. Teaching Home Bible Studies
3. Visiting the Sick and the Lost
4. Follow up Visitation
5. Finding ways to take the Load off the Ministry (Armour Bearers)
6. The List goes on and on

#### 6. **You give to much Time to the Church:** Said one of my leaders to another one of my leaders. One backslide, the other is still being used of God.

### **STEWARDS OF OUR TALENTS**

1. **Talents are our unique abilities and gifts** : Some learned and some are God Given.

**Mat 25:14** For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

**Mat 25:15** And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

**Mat 25:16** Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five talents.

**Mat 25:17** And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two.

**Mat 25:18** But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

**Mat 25:19** After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

**Mat 25:20** And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

**Mat 25:21** His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Mat 25:22** He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

**Mat 25:23** His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Mat 25:24** Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

**Mat 25:25** And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine.

**Mat 25:26** His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

**Mat 25:27** Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

**Mat 25:28** Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents.

**Mat 25:29** For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

**Mat 25:30** And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## 2. What purpose is this Waste?

**Mat 26:6** Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

**Mat 26:7** There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.

**Mat 26:8** But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

**Mat 26:9** For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

**Mat 26:10** When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

**Mat 26:11** For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

**Mat 26:12** For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.

**Mat 26:13** Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

IS YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH IS SUCH DEMAND THAT GOD WOULD BRING YOU BACK TO LIFE IF YOU DIED?

**Act 9:36** Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

**Act 9:37** And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

**Act 9:38** And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

**Act 9:39** Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

**Act 9:40** But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

**Act 9:41** And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

**Act 9:42** And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.