

What's In Your Hand? Part - 6

Becoming Better Stewards in Light of Eternity

“Redeeming the Time” - Dr. Joe LoMusio

We are accountable for four key dynamics—**time, talents, and treasures**, the confluence of which results in our **influence**.

Of the four, time is the only one we have equally and the only one, therefore, we are equally responsible before God!

And that's what makes the stewardship of time so unique... and we all share in the uniqueness... equally!

“the day the Lord has made...”

Psalm 118:24

There is a stewardship element to this verse! God made the day = He owns it! By His Grace, He has given you this day to live in it...

- This day is entrusted to you!
- To rejoice and be glad in it!
- To use it and not abuse it or misuse it!

Time is the most valuable commodity we have.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:15–16 (NKJV)

What does Paul mean? We know we cannot buy back time!

Significantly, he does not use the word *Chrónos*, rather he uses *Kairós*. Both words refer to the concept of time but do not refer to the same *type* of time.

- The Greeks saw Kairos as the god of the *right moment*.
- Kairos was time as it relates to a favorable opportunity.

And why must we redeem the time? Because **“The days are evil!”**

There are threats to redeeming the time...

There are **time-robbers** in your life.

1. Their leader is named Procrastinus.

We all know what Procrastination is, right?

Abraham Lincoln, **“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”**

Let's admit that procrastination is one of the real plagues of living.

2. Procrastination has a cousin, his name is distraction.

We allow ourselves to be distracted from the things that matter most by the things that matter least.

Inadvertently we replace what's important with what's inconsequential.

We get diverted. We get detoured. We lose direction. We lose focus. We lose vision.

3. A third time-robber is indecision... the subtle saboteur.

Many Christians struggle in this area of time management.

Being indecisive is a compromise with mediocrity.

"Being indecisive is putting your progress on pause." (Babatunde Oso).

What Do The Scriptures Say?

"Choose you this day whom you will serve? As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)

"How long are you going to struggle with the two choices? If the LORD is God, follow Him!"

1 Kings 18:21 (NAS)

"Choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days!"

Deuteronomy 30:19–20 (ESV)

"Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom... Establish the work of our hands!"

Psalms 90:12, 17 (NKJV)

"We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work."

John 9:4 (NLT)

"These are evil times, so make every minute count."

Ephesians 5:16 (CEV)

"If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you."

James 1:5 (GW)

Redeeming the time compels you to answer some hard questions...

- If you are not going to serve the Lord now, then when are you going to serve the Lord?
- If you are not going to get involved in a ministry at the Rock, then when are you going to get involved in any ministry, anywhere?
- If you are not going to follow through on a commitment to read the Word daily and pray regularly, when are you going to do it?
- If you are not going to church regularly, giving to the Lord's work faithfully, and witnessing to the lost earnestly, when will you?

The ultimate question is: Do I want to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ... now? or later?

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Romans 13:11 (NLT)

So, how do we become better stewards in light of eternity?

When it comes to this dimension of stewardship, what is in your hand is... **time.**

Not Chronos-time (we can't do anything about that), but Kairos-time. That's the time for which you are accountable before God.

"You cannot kill time without injuring eternity!"

Henry David Thoreau