

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP: THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Time is one of the greatest gifts God has entrusted to us. Every person receives the same **24 hours each day**, regardless of wealth, position or ability. We cannot save time, store it, purchase more of it or turn it back once it has passed. The important question is therefore not simply, **“How much time do I have?”** but **“How am I using the time God has entrusted to me?”**

Biblical stewardship begins with recognising that **God is the owner of everything**. Psalm 24:1 declares, *“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fulness thereof.”* This includes our possessions, abilities, opportunities—and our time. Our days ultimately belong to God, and we are called to use them faithfully for His glory.

The Bible reminds us that life is brief and our time is precious. Moses prayed:

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12

To **number our days** means more than counting them. It means recognising their value and making our lives count for God’s purposes.

To **redeem the time** means to make the most of the opportunities God gives us. Time stewardship is therefore not simply about being organised or productive. It is about

living **intentionally**—using our time to know God, serve others, fulfil our responsibilities, develop our gifts and advance His Kingdom.

Jesus was the perfect example of purposeful living. He made time for prayer, teaching, serving, relationships and rest. He knew His mission and ordered His life around the Father's will. He declared:

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day.”

John 9:4

Our use of time often reveals what we truly value. We may say that God, family and eternal things are important, but our daily routines demonstrate whether our priorities match our words.

Ultimately, stewardship of time is about **faithfulness**. We are not called to accomplish everything or compare ourselves with others. We are called to faithfully use the time God has given us. One day our earthly time will be finished, and we will give an account of how we used what He entrusted to us.

God has given us today. How will we steward it?

Every morning brings a fresh gift of time. Every hour presents an opportunity. Every day is an investment in eternity.

“REDEEMING THE TIME.” — EPHESIANS 5:16

Stewardship *TIME*

Ephesians 5:15–16 — Make the most of every opportunity

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”
— **Ephesians 5:15–16 (NIV)**

James 4:14 — Life is a vapour

“You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”
— **James 4:14 (NIV)**

Psalms 39:4 — Remembering life’s brevity

“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—and that my life is fleeing away.”
— **Psalms 39:4 (NLT)**

Psalms 139:16 NIV

“Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Psalms 27:4

**One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.**

1. The **Petition** “one thing...”

Paul said “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. **But one thing I do:** Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,”

Philippians 3:12-13 NIV

2. The **Pursuit** “I will seek after”

To diligently pursue things

Heb 11:6. “Earnestly seek him”

3. The **Place** “That I may dwell in the house of the Lord Dwell... abide habitually, not a casual visit

4. The **Purpose**

Vision. “Gaze.... “ Glory

Voice. “inquired of the Lord”