

20. What do you think is the biggest hindrance to generous giving among Christians? In your own life?

21. Should we give out of obedience even if we don't feel like it? Isn't that legalism? Explain.

22. How do we know when our giving pleases God?

23. How can you apply this week's text practically in your life today?

24. How can we pray for you this week?

Quotes to Ponder:

*If you are a Christian, you are not your own. Christ has bought you at the price of His own death. You now belong doubly to God: He made you, and He bought you. That means your life is not your own. It is God's. Therefore, the Bible says, **Glorify God in your body.** God made you for this. He bought you for this. This is the meaning of your life.*

John Piper

Time would not be so precious if we never died. But since we are never more than a breath away from eternity, the way we use our time has eternal significance.

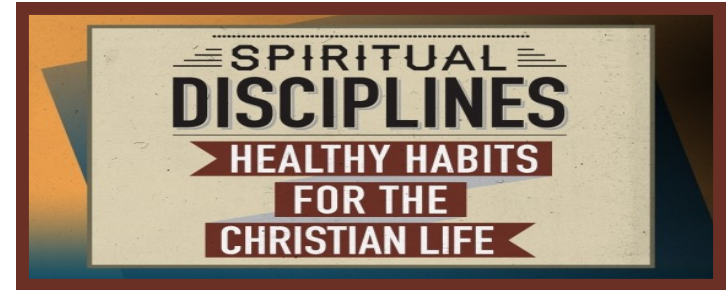
Donald Whitney

There is no way to grow into spiritual maturity without committing one's giving to the Lord. God can have our money and not have our hearts, but He cannot have our hearts without having all our money.

R. Kent Hughes

If you want to know how serious you are about investing in God's kingdom, look at your checkbook. It is an objective, concrete record of where your treasure is and where your heart is.

R.C. Sproul



Message #6: Disciplines for Godliness – Stewardship

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1. Stewardship of Time — Ephesians 5:15-16

2. Stewardship of Money — Luke 16:10-13

A. It's a T _____

B. It's a T _____

C. It's a T _____

D. It's a T _____

3. What Now?

A. Assess your time & money use

B. Set some goals

C. Exercise some faith

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Called for more clarification?
2. What do we *own* that doesn't belong to God first and foremost?
3. Are time and money the only things we are stewards of? If not, what else are we stewards of?
4. Is it an easy concept to grasp that God owns everything we possess? Explain.
5. What freedoms could result from our realization of the true ownership of all our possessions?
6. What makes stewardship such a touchy subject to discuss among Christians?
7. Do you ever feel that there aren't enough hours in the day? What are some of the reasons why we feel so much time pressure?
8. According to *Ephesians 5:15-16*, *the days are evil*. Since this is true, why are we to make the most of our time? How do we do this?
9. What things hinder you from using your time the way God would have you use it?
10. What must you do to obey the command found in *Colossians 3:2*?
11. Read *2 Corinthians 6:2* and *James 4:14*. If you knew you'd be in heaven tomorrow, how would you live life differently today?
12. What circumstances have reminded you that time is passing and death is always a breath away (*Psalms 31:15*)?
13. Read *Philippians 3:13-14*. What is the will of God for us, despite the ways in which we've misused time in the past?
14. What does *Hebrews 5:12* say about using our time to gain spiritual maturity?
15. What do *Proverbs 5:11-13* and *24:33-34* say about lost time and opportunity?
16. What does *Luke 16:10-13* say about who God can trust?
17. What do *2 Corinthians 8:1-5* and *2 Corinthians 9:6-8* teach about giving?
18. If a Christian is financially successful, is it wrong to live well? Must he give away everything above basic needs to the cause of Christ? Explain.
19. Why should we give to God willingly, thankfully, and cheerfully?