

Setting, keeping and crossing BOUNDARIES...

RESISTING CHANGE BY AVOIDING CONFLICT

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We can not repeat the same behavior and expect different results. We must move beyond our comfort zone. This often comes by way of conflict

: (bro. sandpaper & sis. stumbling block)

- a. when someone makes you wait, you see how impatient you are!
- b. when someone falsely accuses you, you see how vindictive you are!
- c. when someone wont let you have your way, you see how stubborn you are !
- d. when someone ignores you, you see how insecure you are

STEWARDSHIP /

responsibility & accountability

A steward is one who manages anothers property, finances or affairs.

1 Cor.4: [2] Now it isrequired that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

RO 14:12 So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Rom. 12:11— Be ... not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord (KJV)

MT 25:14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave fivetalents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money...

MT 25:23 "His master replied, `Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ...to the one who had received the one talent came. "His master said, `You wicked, lazy servant! `Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

GOD'S MANAGERS...

man·age

To direct or control the use of; handle. To exert control over. To make submissive to one's authority, discipline, or persuasion.

To direct the affairs or interests of.

To succeed in accomplishing or achieving, especially with difficulty;

To direct or conduct business affairs.

To continue to get along; carry on.

We own nothing, but we are responsible for everything in our care :

GE 39:2 The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. [3] When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, [4] Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

I place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of God. If anything will advance the interests of the kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, for the furtherance of His work .

David Livingstone.

GE 30:29

Jacob said to him, "You know how I have worked for you and how your livestock has fared under my care. [30] The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I have been.

TIME

“Our personal resource”

- wasting time is just as sinful as wasting money. James 4:13-15

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our time is given by God Exodus 9:5

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God’s appointments - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 —

A time for everything

Eph 5:16 / Col 4:5 — Redeem the time

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 — Our time is short

Luke 9:51 Jesus respected His limited time

The average person works 8 hours a day,
sleeps 8 hours a day, 8 are discretionary . .

(we must BUDGET our time)

In our lifetime, the average person spends 6 years

eating food, 7 years in the bathroom, 9.5 months waiting on someone else, and
only 8 months at church!

Each week has 168 hours, is it possible to tithe our time?

1/10 = 16 hours a week . . .

2 hours Sunday morning, 2 hours Sunday evening, 2 hours personal Bible study,
2 hours prayer, 2 hours visitation, 2 hours choir practice or other
ministry, 2 hours witnessing.

IDLE

—Lazy, not employed or busy, not in use, Wasting time (idle hands are quick to find
mischief/devil’s workshop)

Proverbs 31:27—the virtuous woman is not idle

Ecclesiastes 10:18—a man’s house will come to ruin if he is idle

Matthew 12:36—Judgment for idleness

What is Time?

1. Irreversible, continuous space between the past, present and future
2. The interval which separates two points in a continuum.
3. A system of seconds, minutes, days, months, or years which creates duration
4. The boundaries of a presented opportunity

TIME MANAGEMENT SURVEY

1. Do I concentrate on things URGENT, or things IMPORTANT?
2. Do I set priorities and stick to them?
3. Can I say No, and set boundaries with people?
4. Am I best described as a fireman or a planner?
5. Do I often experience anxiety even after my tasks are complete?
6. Do other peoples' CRISIS, create a CRISIS for me?
7. Do I often regret Not doing things I want to, need to, should do?
8. Do I know where I'm at, where I'm going, and how I will get there? (personally, family, job, ministry)

JESUS WAS AN EXAMPLE OF DOING THE IMPORTANT THINGS INSTEAD OF THE URGENT THINGS

1. Waited to resurrect Lazarus— John 11:3-6
2. Asleep in the boat during a storm— Mark 4:36-41
3. My time has not yet come— John 7:6
4. He finished the work— John 17:4
5. When He died, there was still multitudes who needed healing, teaching, etc. but he had priorities.

HOW TO BUDGET GOD'S TIME:

Set Priorities:

Having precedence, order of importance, rating things that get prior attention.

1. God— Prayer, Bible Study
2. Family/Home—Meals, school activities (relationship building)
3. Job— Mon—Fri 9-5 ?
4. Ministry / Church—Regular and special activities
5. Personal Time / Leisure—Vacation, recreation, hobbies, etc.

24 Hour Day:

- 8 hours sleep
- 8 hours work
- 1 hour God
- 2 hours family
- 1 hour Ministry
- 2 hours driving, prep
- 2 hours personal

TALENT

Ability, skill, special use or purpose, gifted

TALENT (abilities)

1. Use your abilities to serve God
 2. Apply your skills for God's work
 3. Thank God for His gifts, they are His resources
- Exodus 31:3-6 —As the Lord supplies, for His work
1 Kings 5:6 —Special Jobs
1 Kings 7:14 —Expertise
1 Chronicles 22:14,16 —Given for the Lord's work
1 Chronicles 25:6,7 —Cooperation of like talents
1 Peter 4:10 —Use your gift/talents to bless others
Romans 9:20,21 —Some have ordinary, some special

DEVELOP—

Process of improving quality, the progress of increasing ability. Acquire, strengthen, make better

DISCIPLINE AND PRACTICE

After a spectacular performance at the symphony hall, a woman rushed up to famed violinist Fritz Kreisler and cried: "I'd give my life to play as beautifully as you do." Kreisler replied, "I did."

TREASURE

Money—

a commodity given in exchange for goods or services, a measure of trade for something of value

Budget—

Itemized summary of expenses by priority and availability. Spending within limits or boundaries

\$\$\$ Spent On . .

1. Shelter (including utilities) 30%
2. Government / Taxes 25%
3. Transportation 13%
4. Food 12%
5. Giving (how much to whom?) 10%
6. Clothing 5%

7. Debt 5%

8. Recreation / Entertainment 5%

Larry Burkett . . .

The Old Testament tithe was given twice a year and 1/3 was given every 2 years, this meant you gave 23 & 1/3 % of what you have. New Testament is based on the need, (10% is a rule of thumb)

Priorities—

1. You must first take care of your own house (1 Timothy 5:8)

2. Your primary giving should be to your “storehouse”

3. Other giving / extra offerings:

a. “para-church” ministries

b. People in financial need

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek - Gen. 14:18-20

Give as God enables you—

Duet. 16:7 Give God your best—

1 Chron. 21:24

Don't rob God— Mal. 3:8-10

Give cheerfully— 2 Cor. 9:7

Share everything to meet others needs— Acts 2:42-45

Set money aside for Gods work— 1 Cor. 16:1,2

Give when your in need— Matt. 26:7

Sacrificial giving— Luke 21:1-4

STEWARDSHIP QUIZ

1. The resources we use do not belong to us. They belong to _____
2. The 3 areas of focus are _____, _____, & _____
- 3.(T) (F) We are responsible and accountable for how we manage God's property.
- 4.(T)(F) If we are wise and faithful, God will increase our resources
- 5.In Romans 12:11 (KJV) the Bible says NOT to be _____ concerning the Lord's work.
- 6.Romans 14:12 says that each man will stand before God and give _____.
- 7.1 Corinthians 4:2 says that it is required for us to be found _____
- 8.(T) (F) wasting time is just as sinful as wasting money
- 9.(T) (F) God often sets appointments
- 10.(T) (F) It is not possible to tithe our time
- 11.(T) (F) If other people control our time, we are not wise stewards
- 12.(T) (F) We have time for whatever is a priority
- 13.Jesus always did the important things, not always the _____ things.
- 14.Everyone has a special skill, ability, or gift to use for God. It is what we call _____.
- 15.(T) (F) The process of improving quality, and the progress of developing talent is not our responsibility.
- 16.(T) (F) We are not expected to cooperate with others of similar talent as long as we do our personal best.
- 17.(T) (F) Budgeting our money is just as important as giving it away
- 18.Who should receive priority in your tithes and offerings? _____
- 19.In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we are told to give in what manner? _____
- 20.In Acts 4:32-35 the believers gave money according to the _____