

Stewardship

Luke 16:10-11

"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous in much. If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you."

Do You Want to Waste Your Time?

Eliminate wasted time by being a good manager of God's blessings.

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Michael J. Davis wrote an article entitled, "Seven Ways to Waste Your Time".

* **Looking for things** -- The average person spends up to two hours per day looking for lost stuff, which translates to almost fifteen hours a week saved by proper planning and space management.

* **Perfectionism** -- Settle for excellence instead.

* **Sloppy first effort** -- The opposite of perfectionism.

* **Not understanding assignments** -- Don't let pride keep you from seeking clarification or explanation.

* **Assuming others' responsibilities** -- Helping people is good and right, but being used isn't.

* **Not consolidating tasks** -- Use common sense and planning to avoid burning time, gasoline, and productivity.

* **Anything that doesn't advance us toward our goals** -- Majoring in the minors keeps us in the Minor Leagues.

*God has made his people managers, and as such we are to manage all the resources he bestows. That is not restricted to money. Remember, **children are a gift from the Lord** (Psalm 127:3). God brought the first bride to the first groom (Genesis 2:22). Additionally, we are to manage our **talents and resources** wisely (Matthew 25:14-30).*

Then, too, Paul says that we are to be "**making the most of [our] time**" (Ephesians 5:16). Wasting time may not seem as evil and godless as surfing Internet pornography, stealing company funds, flirting with someone other than your spouse on the job, or

the like, but **taking a slothful, slacker's approach to life is still evil.** It wastes the precious commodity called time.

Seek ways to cut back and eventually eliminate wasted time! It is good management of God's blessings.

Are you ready?

Can you wholeheartedly say, "Here I am, Lord, send me?" Think a minute before you answer. Maybe you can say, "Yes, Lord, I'm spiritually ready," but what about your physical readiness? Do you take care of your body in such a way that you are physically prepared to do whatever God asks of you, whenever He asks it?

First Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "Do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body." Does your body honour God?

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