



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Five

The Stewardship of Time

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. -Proverbs 3:13-17

How many times have you heard someone say, “if only I had another hour in the day?” Turns out we can. Impossible you say? Well, if time were not something we could steward then why is time always measured by stewardship? We can save time. We can spend time. We can waste time. We can manage time. Some people have so much time that it gets on their hands. Wait for it. Turns out, in God’s perfection He gave us a 24-hour day. Not a 25-hour day like on Mars. Not a 10 hour day like on Jupiter and certainly not a 5832 hour day like on Venus. (Talk about havin’ some time on your hands.) So, if He’s God and He’s perfect and He created time and He gave us 24 hours, wouldn’t He also give us a way to manage the time?

He also calls us to seek wisdom. He says that wisdom is the principal thing. (Proverbs 4:7) And, in seeking wisdom, we are to conduct our lives a certain way:

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. -Ephesians 5:15-16

I know what you’re saying. “That’s great, but I still don’t have enough time in the day.” Here are questions I ask myself when I am finding that my time is running out. How much time did I spend on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram this morning? How much time did I squander listening to two guys arguing

about draft picks this morning on my way to work? How much time was wasted running around the house trying to get out the door because I didn't have everything ready before I went to bed? We all struggle with these things, but God has given us a finite amount of time and the wisdom to spend it well. With a little bit of guidance and wisdom from Him, we can begin to steward our time well and it will seem as if our time is multiplied. See what I did there. And, check this out, when we steward our time well and we have more time, we can pour into others. That in and of itself will bring rejuvenation to the weary:

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched and one who waters will himself be watered. -Proverbs 11:25

Questions To Consider

Am I asking God for wisdom in stewarding my time?

When I am a better steward of my time, who can I pour into?

Prayer Focus

Lord, thank you for being the Maker of time. Please guide me and give me wisdom in being a better steward of my time. Help me use my time wisely that I may multiply my time and have opportunities to honor you.

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