

# Stewardship is . . . . . . Time.

Maybe you have heard the four “T’s” of stewardship (or at least the three “T’s”) of time, talents and treasure and the fourth “T” tissue. God gives us all things. He gives us time, because each day is a gift from God. He gives us talents or abilities to accomplish the works that He has for us to do. He gives us treasures, the means to live in our world today. He gives us tissue, our bodies, which He expects us to care for as they are His temple.

We hear a lot about our treasure when we talk about stewardship. Let us take the time to talk a little more about God’s gift of time. Time is a gift from God. Each day is a gift from God. Jeffery, in the *Family Circus* comic strip stated to his sister Dolly, “Yesterday is over, that is why we call it the past. Tomorrow has not yet come, that is why we call it the future. And today is a gift from God, that is why we call it a present.” Because as God gives us the gift of time He also moves in us to use our time to His glory.

Unfortunately, there are some who would like to think that being a good steward means *either* giving of your time *or* of your talents *or* of your treasure. Maybe we have forgotten that God gives us all these, our time, our talents and our treasures (and our tissue) and we are to be good stewards of them all, using them to His glory.

God gives us 24 hours in a day and 128 hours in a week. How do we use those hours? How much time do we spend sleeping? eating? reading God’s Word? praying? watching TV? surfing the WEB? wasting time? God gives us time to use to His glory.

Dr. Martin Luther once stated that the more he had to do in a day, the more time he needed to spend in prayer at the beginning of the day. As the Lord gives us time and as we “give Him time,” so He gives us all the time we need to do the work that He has for us to do.

All this brings us the reminder that our Lord has saved us to do the good works He gives us to do and they are good works because He gives them to us to do, He moves in us to do them and we do them to His glory.