

God's Gift of Time

Imagine that you were given \$86,400.00 at the beginning of every day. There is only one catch, you have to use every single dollar that day—if you don't spend it, you lose it. But every morning another \$86,400.00 is deposited into your bank account.

What would you do with the money? Do you think your values would be reflected in how you spend your \$86,400.00 each day?

God has deposited into your life bank account 86,400 seconds every day (the amount of seconds God gives you every day). The name of the account is **Time** and we need to be good Stewards of this Gift. These 86,400 seconds are not transferable to the next day. When they are gone, they are gone. You can never go back and relive them again. Your **Time** account carries over no balance.

Do you spend your Gift of Time in a way that brings honor and glory to God? How important do you think this is for you and for God? *"I have glorified Thee on earth, I have finished the work which thou gave me to do."* [John 17:4](#)

Just a tiny little minute, only 60 seconds in it. Forced upon me, can't refuse it. Didn't seek it, didn't choose it. But it's up to me to use it, give account if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute, but eternity is in it. [Unknown Author](#)

Stewardship Prayer

My Church is composed of people like me. I help make my Church what it is.

My Church will be friendly and welcoming. The pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

My Church will do great work, if I help with the work.

My Church will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

My Church will bring all people into worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

My Church will be a Church of love, of faith, and of a Spirit of Holiness, if I am filled with these things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to being all of these things that I dream for my Church.

Amen.



Stewardship...
the joy of Time



A Way of Life

“It is in giving that we receive...”

Stewardship Of Time

So how are you managing your Time? Or should I say, how are you managing God's Time? How are you managing the Time God has given you?

Most anxiety of Time comes from poor Stewardship of Time. So let's talk about the clock.

What is time anyway? As Longfellow puts it: "Time is the life of the soul." As the Bible suggests; Time is the duration of our existence before we enter eternity. Psalm 90:12 teaches..."so teach us to number our days..."

God has allotted each of us a specific amount of time—no more, no less. Appointed, unalterable, un-negotiable.

Time is a gift, how we spend it is a matter of habit. Are you ready to give back to God in abundance what you have been given in Time according to what He has planned for you? Can you show a reasonable accounting of how you spend this gift? Will He be convinced of your good "habits"?

You and I need to return to God some portion of the time He has given us, which is really our life here on earth, as an act of love, appreciation, and honor to our God who has been so generous.

Loving God with your *Time*

- 1) Begin by setting or budgeting a good habit of your time. Take action.
- 2) What amount of the day do you give to God? In personal prayer? In ministry to your Church? In sharing your time with your family?
- 3) How are you spending your Time? How are you investing your time? How are you wasting your time?
- 4) What steps do you need to take in order to become a good steward of your time?
- 5) What steps do you need to take in order to continue to be a good steward of your time?
- 6) What steps do you need to take in order to dispose of wasteful and destructive habits?
- 7) How much time do you spend in your Church attending Mass, going to Confession, staying for Adoration?

My Spiritual Commitment of my Stewardship of Time

Dear Lord, I want to spend quality time with You. Help me to seek ways that will deepen my relationship with You and improve my spiritual life. Send Your Spirit to encourage, strengthen and assist my efforts as I gift You with my Time.

Amen.

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- I commit to spend _____ each day in personal prayer.
- I commit to spend _____ each day in prayer with my family.
- I commit to spend _____ each week in examining and improving my time spent in service to You.
- I commit to spend _____ each week to devote my time in service to Your Church through one of our many Ministries.
- I commit to spend _____ each week fully participating in the Mass/es in honor and thanksgiving for Your Sacrifice for me.
- I commit to spend _____ each _____
