



## Stewardship Series

# The Time of Your Life

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A new year is always a great time to consider how your life is going, and what changes you might want to make in order to improve it. For the Christian, we are also talking about changes that impact your forever.

There is something called the **Judgment Seat of Christ**.

*2 Corinthians 5:10— "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."*

**Last week we talked about managing your money, and this week we want to talk about managing your time.**

Now, those who are careful to faithfully invest their time in a way that does bring the Master profit, they are rewarded for doing so.

*Luke 19:16— "And the first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.'*

*Luke 19:17— "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing be in authority over ten cities.'"*

**Because you were faithful with your time in serving Him down here, you will be entrusted with greater responsibility in the Kingdom to come.**

*Hebrews 11:13— "All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth."*

*Hebrews 11:16— "But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them."*

We are here on a temporary assignment... it will matter forever how you use the time that God gives you on earth.

**So, what will you do with your time this year?**

*Ephesians 5:15— "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,"*

**Be careful! Be wise!**

Be wise and do the things that you know you need to do.

*Ephesians 5:16— "...making the most of your time, because the days are evil."*

Literally, it says...**"redeeming your time"**

### **Three reasons why we should be careful how we use our time:**

#### **1. There is a limited amount of it.**

*Psalm 90:12— "So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom."*

#### **2. How we live will matter for eternity.**

#### **3. If we aren't careful in the use of our time by using it for what matters to God, we are likely to waste our time or even misuse it.**

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*Ephesians 5:17— "So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."*

### **What will you do this year? The choice is yours. What will you choose?**

1. Physically...
  - A. Exercise
  - B. Sleep enough
  - C. Eat right
  - D. Stop unhealthy habits (like smoking or drinking too much)
2. Emotionally...
  - A. Time with friends and family
  - B. Time laughing
  - C. Take time off, sabbath, vacation, days off
3. Financially
  - A. Take Financial Peace U
  - B. Avoid future debt
  - C. Get on a budget and live by it
  - D. Give regularly
  - E. Save regularly
4. Spiritually
  - A. Devotional life
  - B. Make church attendance weekly
  - C. GHOP
  - D. Life Groups

*Galatians 6:7— "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap."*

*Galatians 6:8— "For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life."*