

# Overview of Handling Time and Money Well

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## TIME

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Last class in series on Parenting and Stewardship

Once again will have scriptures on the screen as a time saver

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### Introduction

#### Phil Keaggy's time:

Well He hasn't always been around

And He won't always be.

But He's on the move at this moment

Measuring life for you and me.

I fear we all submit to him

Existing anxiously,

And no one is able to turn him off

Except the Lord who holds the key.

When the Lord stops him, that'll be it,  
Too late for apologies.

Too late to forgive your brother,  
Too late to get on your knees.

When the Lord stops him, that'll be it,  
Too late to help the needy  
And worst of all it's too late to turn  
You must face eternity.

His name is?

His name is Time and he's coming to an end.  
His name is Time where will you be my friend?

Psalm 90:10

The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away. -Moses

We have a different view of time from scripture than the world has-

## The world's views of time

### 1. Time is for pleasure, fun- Hedonism-

a. What are sayings we've heard about this?

b. Eat drink and be merry... (Isa 22:13, Isa 56:12, Ecc 2:24)

c. "He who dies with the most toys, wins"

d. Trying to bend time to maximize pleasure

### 2. Time is about accomplishment.

a. Work, hobbies, worthy causes

b. Henry Ford: "Work is the salvation of the human race, morally, physically, socially."

c. Christianized version of that- evaluate your time by how much you do for God.

i. Doesn't square with scripture

ii. Our first day was God's day of rest

iii. We were made to honor, glorify God, not just simply "do". We're made to **image Him**.

iv. Rest is designed to give time to honor and glorify, worship him AND to refresh, recharge

### 3. Time is simply about survival

i. Just make it to the next day, etc.

Outline for the discussion to follow:

1. Who owns your time?
2. The Mission- Goals for our time
3. Ground Rules
4. Obstacles
5. Conclusion

Lesson:

**1. Who owns your time? (I'll read these)**

**a. Be prepared to answer this question:**

**b. – what do these scriptures imply is the truth concerning time?**

- c. **1 Corinthians 10:31**- So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- i. **Matt 6:27**- And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
1. (As human beings, we have created many things, but have never been able to add 1 hour of time to anything, let alone our lives. Can we make the sun stand still, or add an hour to our day?)
- d. To whom are we accountable?
- i. **Heb 4:13**- And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

e. **what do these scriptures imply is the truth concerning time?**

- i. We come to Him **humbly in prayer** to ask how best to use our time
- ii. We **gratefully acknowledge** this precious gift
- iii. We continually remind ourselves that **life is fleeting**, and only by His grace we do this or that
- iv. **There is a purpose** for our time on this earth, and it's not just about us

## 2. The Mission

a. **What is the purpose of how we use our time?**- **Back to 1 Cor 10:13**

b. **1 Corinthians 10:31**- So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**

c. **How do we do this? What does it look like?**

- i. By imaging and enjoying him
  - ii. Act like him
    1. In work life
    2. In Family life
    3. In church life
- d. **Matt 5:16**- In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

# **1. Discover and display the goodness and glory of God!**

## **3. The Ground Rules**

**a. So with a blank canvas of 20-40-60 years ahead of you (if God allows, or if God carries), how can you know what is best to do?**

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

**c. Not really a blank canvas, but paint by numbers**

- i. We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works that God has ordained beforehand that we should walk in them
- ii. We obey Him and follow His leading
- iii. He is sovereign and in control of our lives
- iv. Time is short

## **4. Obstacles what are some obstacles to managing our time well?**

a. Laziness- Much from Proverbs- Prov 6, 26

- i. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard" Prov 6:6-9
- ii. The sluggard says there is a "Lion in the streets" Prov 26:13
- iii. "buries his hand in the dish- wears him out to bring it to his mouth" Prov 26:15

iv. “as the door turns on it’s hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed” Prov 26:14

b. Busyness

- i. Be careful to not let busyness crowd out your God-given responsibilities **(remember our primary responsibilities and the 3 secondary responsibilities from a few weeks ago?)**
- ii. Tyranny of the urgent crowding out the important
- iii. Perhaps some things on your list don’t have to be done by you? (big one for Deacons- maybe it is better not for us to do but for us to be about “equipping the saints for the work of the ministry”)
- iv. Busyness does not equate to importance, to value
  1. We can show the goodness and glory of God in rest, leisure, work, ministry
  2. Learn to glorify God in all those areas

c. People Pleasing

- i. For whom are we truly doing what we do?

d. Thorns and Thistles- things that get in our way of accomplishing what we set out to do

- i. What are your thorns and thistles?

- ii. Example for me- plumbing- never goes according to plan...

## 5. Conclusion

a. Your time **is not your own**

i. **1 Cor 6:19, 20**

- ii. You are not your own, you were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body

b. Be **deliberate** in **how you invest** God's time

c. **Ask God continuously to guide and direct** how you use your time, for his honor and glory!

d. **Trust in the sovereign goodness of God to guide us, help us, direct us. Rest in Him**



# MONEY

Start class with the **example of taking someone's pencil** and breaking it. Explain it wasn't their pencil, but I had given it to them before class, so it was really my pencil. In the same way, God can do what He wants with what is His.

## You are not your own

### i. 1 Cor 6:19, 20

1. You are not your own, you were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body

### ii. Deut 8:18

1. You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

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1. Understanding Money- as God reveals it
2. Attitude towards money
3. Generosity

#### 4. Our Faith on Display

#### 5. Jesus' View of Money

### 1. Understanding money- as God reveals it to us.

- a. Proverbs 10:22- The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.
- b. I Timothy 6:10- For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.
- c. **Money is the root of all evil, right?** it must be evil in and of itself, right?

#### d. Love of money, craving

- i. What are we craving?

### 2. Attitude towards money- What does our attitude toward and use of money reveal about our hearts?

- a. Matthew 6:21,24- <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and money.**

- i. **What we treasure affects our heart, and everything follows**

- ii. Can you have lots of money and not be evil?

## 1. Example Connie and Davis

- a. Providing for others, for family, for missions, for the gospel

## 2. Solomon

- a. 2 Chronicles 1:11-<sup>11</sup> God answered Solomon, “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king,<sup>12</sup> wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like.”

- iii. God uses money to provide for others, and to teach us lessons about ourselves, and to help us “gain a heart of wisdom”

- b. !Back to 1 Timothy 6:9-11 but with larger context-  
<sup>9</sup> But those who **desire to be rich** fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and

harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

i. Desiring to be rich- how would that play out in our lives?

ii. Does this mean we don't strive for promotions, raises, make good business dealings?

### 3. Generosity- Why should we be generous?

a. 2 Corinthians 8:9-<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

- i. **Following the example** of Christ
- ii. Our entire being, all that we see around us, every single thing is an example of **God's gracious, sacrificial giving.**
- iii. **In humility** (not thinking lowly of oneself, but not thinking of oneself at all) doing for others,

**not just out of our abundance, but from the depths of our being. (the widows mite).**

iv. **Proverbs 11:24-25**- One gives freely yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

v. **Example:**

vi. John Wesley said "Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can"

vii. Wesley wrote in 1786 in "Thoughts upon Methodism":

viii. "... What way, then, (I ask again) can we take, that our money may not sink us to the nethermost hell? There is one way, and there is no other under heaven. If those who 'gain all they can,' and 'save all they can,' will likewise 'give all they can;' then, the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven."

4. **Our Faith on Display.** Consider how our need for and use of money display belief in God's promises.

a. List the promises found in these verses:

i. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11- List the promises found in these verses:

b. <sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully<sup>[a]</sup> will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

i. List the promises found in these verses:

1. Reap bountifully
2. God's love and recognition of our desire to emulate Him
3. Grace abounds to us

4. All sufficiency in all things at all times
5. Abound in every good work
6. God supplies all we need
7. God multiplies our seed
8. Increase our righteousness
9. Enriched to be generous
10. Produces thanksgiving in us

ii. What kind of givers should we be?

1. Generous, continuous, thoughtful, with meaning- "I do this in the name of Jesus", sacrificial
2. How is generosity a means of grace and an act of worship?
  - a. **Trusting** God
  - b. **Desiring** to be like God
  - c. For the sake of the **gospel**
  - d. Knowing and **acknowledging** what Christ did for us.
  - e. **Honoring** His work in us
  - f. **Glorifying** the giver of all good gifts

5. Jesus' view of money

- a. What do we learn from Jesus' view of money in these verses to follow?

- b. **Matthew 22:19-21**- <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup> They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”
- c. **Luke 16:10-13**- <sup>10</sup> “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”
- d. Also **Luke 12:15**- And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

i. What do we learn from Jesus' view of money

1. Has it's purpose



2. Is given by God to honor Him and to honor the authorities He has put in our lives

**6. Conclusion: How do we honor God with our money?**

- a. **Be faithful** in dealing with money, even the smallest bit
- b. **Acknowledge Him** in how we deal with it
- c. Keep it in its **rightful place**
- d. **Honor/Glorify Him** in our use of what is **rightfully His!**

**Close in Prayer**