

**INTRODUCTION: OLD THEME FOR A NEW YEAR**

**A. A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS**

**B. MORE RARE, MORE PRECIOUS** (see Ps.90:9-12; 139:16)

**C. PRIVILEGED DUTY: BUDGET, REDEEM** (Ps.90:12(see Gen.1); Eph.5:16)

**I. THE DEMANDS ON OUR TIME: PRESENT DEATH** (Gen.2:17; 3:15f; Rom.8:22; see Lk.10:40-42)

**A. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES** (see 1Tm.5:8; Eph.5:21-6:9)

**B. PARTICULAR OPPORTUNITIES** (Gal.6:10; Eph.5:16; Col.4:5; Prv.3:27)

**C. SUMMARY: SO MUCH GOOD & SO LITTLE TIME!** (Jn.9:4; Ps.90; Eph.5:16)

**II. THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME: ETERNAL LIFE** (Jn.6:47f, 12:50; 17:3)

**A. LIMITATION: THE FATHER'S WILL** (Jn.4:34; 5:19,30; 8:28f; Ps.90:12)

1. *goal: please God* (Mt.6:33f; Lk.10:40f; Gal.5:22f; Phil.4:8)

2. *priorities: degree of affinity or responsibility* (see Phil.2:5f; Eph.5:22-6:9; 1Tm.5:8; Gal.6:10)

3. *humility: submit to created & providential time limits* (Jn.9:4; Gen.2:2; Ex.20:8f; see 1Pt.5:6,7)

4. *humility: limit your time commitments* (Lk.10:38-42; Mt.6:33)

5. *tools: means of grace* (Acts 2:42; 1Pt.5:6,7; 2Tm.3:14f; Rom.8:14; Is.30:20f; Mk.1:35)

**B. DELEGATION: THE BODY'S HELP** (1Cor.12:12f; Eph.4:16; see Ex.18:13f; Acts 6:1f)

**C. DIVISION: A TIME FOR EVERYTHING ...** (see Gen.1; Eccl.3:1; 1Cor.14:40)

1. *natural divisions: day, month, year* (sun, moon, seasons)

2. *moral division: Sabbath* (Gen.2:2f(17; 3:16); Ex.20:8f; see Jn.20:1,19; Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:2; Rev.1:10)

3. *daily divisions: three, four, seven, twelve* (Ps.55:17; Mk.6:48; Ps.119:164; Jn.11:9)

4. *principle: manageable units* (see Ps.90:12; Gen.1; Mt.6:11,34)

5. *note: the wisdom of a calendar, planner, etc. that CONFESSES these truths*

**D. DISTRIBUTION: ... AND EVERYTHING IN ITS TIME** (Ps.90:12)

1. *fill each unit of time* (Ps.90:12; Mt.6:34; Eph.5:16; see Gen.1:5,8,etc.; see Jms.4:13f)

2. *seek provisions for each* (Mt.6:11; Lam.3:22,23)

3. *summary: spend your time carefully* (Ps.90:12; Eph.5:16)

4. *note: planning for tomorrow is a proper work for today* (Mt.6:34; Lk.16:8,9; 2Cor.12:14; Jms.4:15)

**E. PROTECTION: THE INTEGRITY OF EACH TIME**

1. *lust, greed: adding to one by stealing from another* (Ex.20:15; see Jms.4:1f; Ps.127:2)

2. *anticipation: stealing from today* (see Mt.6:34)

3. *procrastination: stealing from tomorrow* (Prv.3:28; 6:6f; 10:5; 20:4)

4. *note: exchange rather than steal*

**F. SUMMATION: DO OUGHT, DELEGATE CAN, DROP MUST** (note: work also in reverse)

**G. ILLUMINATION: WISDOM TO KNOW WHEN TO DO WHAT** (Ps.90:12; see Mt.6:11 w/Mk.1:35; Heb.5:14)

**H. IMPARTATION: STRENGTH TO ACCOMPLISH** (Phil.4:13; Eph.3:16f; 2Cor.2:16; 3:5; 4:7)

**I. FRUITION: ACTUAL DOING** (Jn.13:17; Phil.2:12f; Lk.6:46f; 16:10f; Jms.4:17 /Prv,slug /Heb.5:14; Phil.3:11f)

**III. BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD OF GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFT OF TIME!** (Lk.12:42; 1Pt.4:10)

**A. WORSHIP THE ETERNAL GOD: UNRESTRAINED BY TIME & SUSTAINING UNDER TIME!**

(Ps.90:1,2; 12; see 102:24-27; 139:16; Jn.17:5)

**B. KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED TO DO THE WILL OF GOD!**

(Mt.6:34; 26:45; Jn.8:29; Ps.139:16; 2Tm.4:6-8)

**C. DEVOTE YOURSELF TO MEANS OF GRACE SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW WHEN TO DO WHAT!**

(Acts 2:42; 2Tm.3:14-17; Heb.5:12-14)

**D. HUMBLE YOURSELF BY SUBMITTING TO GOD'S LIBERATING TIME LIMITATIONS!**

(Mt.6:34; Ps.127:2 with Ex.20:8f(Gen.1); see Jn.20:1,19; Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:2; Rev.1:10)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)