

Heart Indicator - The 3 T's

- What are these mystical 3 T's?

1) Time 2) talent 3) Treasure

Time:

-It is not Ours - Psalms 90

-Don't Waste it - Eph 5:15

-God isn't Bound by it - Psalm 90

-Our Calendar is an indication of our core values.

-We will find the Time to do what is important to us.

How do we manage "our time" Time?

-Set priorities

-Don't succumb to the tyranny of the urgent

Stewards don't carry out their own processes, procedures or initiatives.

They oversee tasks and people in a manner that reflects the goals and vision of their superior.

-We need to utilize our time in a manner pleasing to God.

-Work is an opportunity for giving Godly influence.

-Honor your boss by serving your boss. Col. 3:22-24

Talents:

-In some ways spiritual gifts or talents are like muscles, if you don't exercise your muscles they become weak and useless.

-There are more ways for us to use our talents than we even understand.

-If you are called to big things then by all means use your talents or gifts to do big things but for most of us we serve in simple ways as God directs us, be faithful.

-Your destiny is the customized life calling God has ordained and equipped you to accomplish in order to bring Him the greatest glory and achieve the maximum expansion of his kingdom.

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Maximize your talents:

1. Learn from every experience Phil. 3:13
2. Seek and Learn from Correction 1 Peter 5:5
3. Never stop learning Proverbs 18:15
4. Use your gifts Proverbs 22:29
5. Don't be lazy Proverbs 13:4
6. Seek the right places to grow Proverbs 12:26; 27:17; 13:20
7. Do all for the glory of God 1 Cor. 10:31

Treasures

- How we handle our money Influences our fellowship with the Lord. Luke 16:11
- Possessions compete with the Lord for first place in our lives.
- Money is the primary competitor with Christ for the lordship of our lives.
- God owns everything, I am just his money manager or steward.

- 1) How much time do you spend earning money on your Job?
- 2) How much time do you spend on decisions on how to spend that money?
- 3) How much time do you spend on thinking of where to save and invest money?
- 4) How much time do you spend praying about your giving?

Ownership - The Lord owns everything even the things you consider yours. Duet. 10:14, Psalm 24:1

- When we acknowledge God's Ownership
 - every spending decision becomes a Spiritual decision.
 - No longer do we ask "Lord, what do you want me to do with my money?"
 - The question is restated, "Lord, what do you want me to do with your money?"

A big hurdle is to understand Needs versus Wants -

- needs = the basic necessities of life, food, clothing and shelter.

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- Wants = Anything in excess of a need.

Since we are on the area of our responsibilities we need to explore the dreaded word Tithing.

8. Tithing is Explicit in the Old Testament, Num. 18:20-32, Duet. 12:5-19; 14:22-27, Duet. 14:28-29
9. Tithing is Implicit in the New Testament. Read 1 Cor. 9:13-14

Where is it we should give?

1. First you give to support your local church, Malachi 3:10 ***“bring your whole tithe in to the storehouse of God”***
2. Other Christian organizations
3. To the Needy,

Debt will limit my ability to serve God with my finances. Prov. 22:7

God prospers me to raise my standard of Giving, not my standard of Living.