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## Stewardship

### TBC VISION

The vision of The Bible Chapel is to develop followers of Jesus Christ in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, in the Greater Pittsburgh area, and throughout the world.

### 5 ESSENTIALS

**WORD:** Reading and studying the Word of God.

**WORSHIP:** Honoring God all areas of life.

**CONNECT:** Joined with others biblical community.

**SERVE:** Using spiritual gifts to serve God and others.

**SHARE:** Telling others about Jesus.

### 3 E's

**ENGAGE:** Spiritually disconnected for life transformation.

**EQUIP:** Believers for spiritual growth.

**EMPLOY:** Growing believers for spiritual impact.

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

*Genesis 1:3-5*

*... "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning-- the first day.*

**How are you spending this great gift from God?**

**Surrender your time to God**

*Psalm 90:12*

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

*Psalm 90:9-10*

*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.*

*German sociologist Max Weber said that the,*

*Waste of time is thus the first and in principle the deadliest of sins. The span of human life is infinitely short and precious.... Loss of time through sociability, idle talk, luxury, even more sleep than necessary for health . . . is worthy of absolute moral condemnation. It does not yet hold, with Franklin, that time is money, but the proposition is true in a certain spiritual sense. It is infinitely valuable because every hour lost is lost to labor for the glory of God.*

## **Schedule time with God**

*Psalm 1:1-3*

*Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.*

*Matthew 14:13 (NIV)*

*When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place.*

*Mark 1:35 (NIV)*

*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

*Luke 42:2 (NIV)*

*At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place.*

*John 6:15 (NIV)*

*Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.*

*T. S. Eliot, the British writer bemoaned busyness and distractions in "Choruses from the Rock" (1934),*

*The endless cycle of idea and action,  
Endless invention, endless experiment,  
Brings knowledge of motion, but not of stillness;  
Knowledge of speech, but not of silence;  
Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word.  
All our knowledge brings us nearer to death,  
But nearness to death no nearer to God.  
Where is the Life we have lost in living?  
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?  
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?  
The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries  
Brings us farther from God and nearer to the Dust.*

*Philippians 4:8*

*...Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

### **Prayerfully plan the activities of your day**

*Ephesians 5:15-16*

*Look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of your time, because the days are evil.*

**Here are some things to help you evaluate your use of time.**

- **Keep a time log for two-weeks.**
- **Maintain a “To Do” list.**
- **Plan your day the night before.**

### **All Time is God’s Time**

**The way we use God’s gift of time is a response to his leadership and Lordship of our lives.**

*Ephesians 2:10*

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*Colossians 3:17*

*Whatever we do you word and deed we are to do it all to bring honor to God.*