

October 3

## Stewardship

For the next four weeks we will be talking about Christian Stewardship. Christian stewardship is recognizing the material and personal resources with which we have been blessed and using them in ways that build the Church and honors God. How we use these resources determines the condition of our Spiritual Health and the Spiritual Health of our church.

“What is the prescription for good spiritual health?” In answer to this question, we will look at four primary components that should be in the life of a church and in our personal lives. They are our MEDS - Mission, Evangelism, Discipleship and Stewardship. Using our MEDS will help us determine how spiritually healthy we are, and what we need to do to have a strong and healthy spiritual life. When we are spiritually healthy, we feel more connected not only to God, but to those around us.

This week we will look at Mission. The assignment God gives us is to go and tell, by word AND deed. Time is one of the many gifts that God has given to use for His purposes. Is our time spent in a way that is self-serving or have we made room for spending time on God’s mission?

Time is the only resource given equally to each one of us. Every person on the planet gets the same 24 hours in a day and 168 hours in a week. The use of our time is a reflection of our life’s priorities. It is not a coincidence that a tithe (10%) of our time for a week is 16.8 hours – about one waking day. We are asking you to take a few minutes this week to see how you spent your 168 hours.

## Our Stewardship Of Time

In the following exercise, you are to reflect on how you used your time this past week and allocate the 168 hours give to you in the following categories:

- Sleep \_\_\_\_\_
- Work – Business/Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Television \_\_\_\_\_
- Prayer/Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_
- Driving/Riding \_\_\_\_\_
- Eating \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Activities \_\_\_\_\_
- Time with Friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Recreation \_\_\_\_\_
- Worship \_\_\_\_\_
- Church Work \_\_\_\_\_
- Mission/ Outreach \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total = 168 hours

Time is a precious gift from God, a resource we must value and use for God's plan. Are we honoring God with our use of time?