

The Right Hand

Staying on Track: Time & Gifts (Mt 25:14-30)

The first constituent topic within the third subsection (“Staying on Track”) of this superb LifeGuide Bible Studies booklet (*Christian Disciplines*) I am reviewing is entitled “Time & Gifts” (see headline above). At first I thought the third subsection should have been entitled Staying Connected (“Connecting....”/ “Reaching Out....”), but quickly I discovered that its designated title was correct. Staying in focus **is** staying connected....

Time is one of the most precious commodities in this world. Although in eternity we will have forever to practice good stewardship, our time in this world is relatively short and limited. No one knows how long or and how competently he/she will live. Time is of the essence!

How we invest our time, and our “talents” (“Gifts”) is crucial to good stewardship. In a free society, we are at liberty to properly utilize or “piss away” these benefactions from the Lord; the choice is ours.... It’s hard to believe that anyone professing commitment to the Lord would blithely waste away either commodity....

The chosen Scripture for this section is particularly relevant. It presents three archetypes of stewardship. Stewardship is most often thought of as relating only to money, but in truth it constitutes time and talent, as well. All three are equally precious and demand our attention. The ways in which we manage these three commodities demonstrate our commitment and faithfulness to our callings and to the Lord. Which of the three servants are you???

“May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully.” More next week! In Deo speramus.

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P.S. My morning devotion of Psalm 128:1 “sealed the deal.” It reads: *“All you who fear the Lord, how blessed you are! How happily you walk on His smooth straight road!”* Now I more fully understand the appropriateness of the subsection title: *“Staying on Track.”*