

The Right Hand

“Staying on Track:” Review

As I did with the first two subsections, I am reviewing the constituent parts of this third subsection: “Staying on Track.” I believe in review as it gives one a chance to “hover over” a subject and see it from a distance. With a review, we often get new insights. (After all, insight and understanding are the goals, aren’t they??)

This third subsection had been entitled “**Staying on Track,**” and its three constituent topics have been “*Time & Gifts,*” “*Guidance,*” and “*Christian Community.*” In my opinion, they are a brilliant trio....

“Time & Gifts:” Where and how we invest our time declares our values. Absent slavery, we are all free to pick and choose where and how we will apply our time and talents. Where and how we spend money can be duplicitous, but time and talent generally are not. If your life were a glass of water, for what would you pour it out? Our answer declares our basic values, especially in retirement. Would it be “me first,” “we first,” or “Thee first?” The answer determines eternity....

Guidance:” We make decisions every day, some more important than others. With whom do you take counsel? Abraham Lincoln reportedly said, “*He who has himself as his own lawyer, has a fool for a client.*” Even top professionals consult with others in making major decisions! What could be more major than the ultimate disposition of your essence, your soul? We never know when and how a major decision will confront us. Staying on track with God is crucial....

“Christian Community:” Where and with whom we choose to live is a major decision in life. I cannot conceive of living in any other way than in Christian community. I have been in the church since childhood. Except in the military, I connected in some church (25+) wherever I’ve lived. There was a gap of a few years in my first marriage where we could not find a

suitable church home, and some stupid decisions were made during those secular years. Alas!

“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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