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Stewardship of Time

W – Why
O – Over
R – Respond
R – Reducing
Y – Yourself

T - Try
R – Replenishing
U – you-r (:
S – Soul's
T - Tank

The theme of '*Stewardship of Time*' challenges me with questions like,

“Who, really am I serving with my time?”

“Whose voice is it that when I hear it, I turn and give it my full attention?”

If I am honest, I must confess that, too often, it is the voice of **WORRY**. And **WORRY** has the character of being merciless, graceless, and unforgiving. **WORRY** is with me when I wake up. **WORRY** is standing nearby when I go to sleep.

But there is **SOMEONE** else who is also with me when I wake up, and when I go to sleep ... and all the hours in between. **THAT SOMEONE, IS JESUS**. Jesus' character is quite the opposite: **JESUS IS FULL OF MERCY, TIMELESSLY MAKING SPACES FOR GRACE, AND FOREVER FORGIVING!**

Take a look at Matthew 6:25-34. In these few verses, Jesus mentions 'worry' (5x).

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry...

“Can any of you by worrying add a single hour

“Why do you worry?”

“Therefore, do not worry.”

“So do not worry.....”

Am I listening to his Voice?

There's a song we sang as kids in Bible School, you may have sung it, too. It's about *stewardship of time*; and it goes something like this:

*“O Lord, my times are in Thy hand, do with and what you may.
I want to live my life for Thee, at home, at school, at play.
The Bible says that Time is short, I want to live each day,
So others know my times are Thine, O use me Lord, I pray.”*

It's the very last line that speaks to me Jesus' summation of Stewardship of Time:

“So Others Know My Times Are Thine, O Use Me Lord, I Pray”

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