



## Stewardship Is About Stuff

Sunday, October 13, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

### 1. THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

#### Chronos

*LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away. My life is no longer than the width of my hand. An entire lifetime is just a moment to you; human existence is but a breath. (Ps. 39:4,5)*

#### Kairos

*Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15,16,17) (NASB)*

\_\_\_\_\_ is maximized when we use the time we have been given to accomplish the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Luke 12:13-21

*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace. (Acts 20:24) (also II Timothy 4:7)*

*It is useless to work so hard for a living, getting up early and going to bed late. For the LORD provides for those he loves, while they are asleep. (Ps.127:2)*

### 2. THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

Stewardship is not measured by what God \_\_\_\_\_ to you, but rather, by what God gives \_\_\_\_\_ you to others.

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Romans 12:3-6a)*

*For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am... (I Corinthians 15:9,10a) (also I Peter 4:8-10)*

### 3. THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

-Luke 14:28-33

*Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be. (Matthew 6:19-21)*

## DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What do you do to celebrate Thanksgiving? What are you thankful to God for?

Q2: Of the three gifts God has blessed us with (time, talent and treasure) which one seems to be the most difficult for you to manage? Why?

Q3: Ephesians 5:15-17 links making the most of our time with understanding God’s will. How do you think God reveals His will to people today? How have you personally discerned God’s will at a specific point in your life?

Q4: Have you ever experienced regret over a missed opportunity in your life? If so, what did you feel at the time? How have you learned or grown from that experience?

Q5: Read Psalm 127:1-2 and I Peter 4:10. What do these verses have to say about our efforts and abilities?

Q6: God can (and often does) reveal His will using a variety of means. Which of the following have you experienced? \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Church Family \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience \_\_\_\_\_ Other... Explain...