

Stewardship of Time – Jan. 23, 2022

Read Psalm 90, taking notice of references to TIME.

Lord, through all the generations you have been our home!

Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.

You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals!"

For you, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night hours.

You sweep people away like dreams that disappear. They are like grass that springs up in the morning.

In the morning it blooms and flourishes, but by evening it is dry and withered.

We wither beneath your anger; we are overwhelmed by your fury.

You spread out our sins before you— our secret sins—and you see them all.

We live our lives beneath your wrath, ending our years with a groan.

Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty.

But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away.

Who can comprehend the power of your anger? Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve.

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.

O Lord, come back to us! How long will you delay? Take pity on your servants!

Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.

Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery! Replace the evil years with good.

Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory.

And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!

What is your experience with time "management?" What challenges do you have?
What advice might you give to others?

How do you think "management" of time differs from "stewardship" of time? Remember the definition of stewardship: "The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

What does “busy” mean to you? Do you see how “busy” has come to mean successful, indispensable, and important? Does your busyness play into how you value yourself – contribute to your feelings of self-worth?

What does Sabbath-keeping mean to you? Do you have time to “just be?”

How do you spend your time during the course of a week? What does that say about what you value?

If you could spend time doing anything you wanted to, what would you do?