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Local Church Budget

Depending on your source, it is said that the human body is made up of 60-70 percent water. This means we cannot do without water if our bodies are going to be healthy. Time, like water, is a common resource that is needed to utilize all the other resources given by God. Time is the basis of Stewardship.

We use time to worship God and to form a relationship with Him, through which He instructs us how to utilize His resources. We use time to care for our wellbeing, engaging in physical, mental, and emotional activities that will help us function optimally. We use time to witness, sharing our faith and assisting people in their areas of felt need. This is what our talents and spiritual gifts are for. We use time to work so that we might gain wealth to support the mission of Christ through returning a faithful tithe and freewill offering, and also to take care of our own livelihoods.

Finally, we also use time to care for our world—the environment that provides subsistence for us. Time is a special resource given by God to be used to glorify Him.

Today, as we return our tithes and freewill offerings we are encouraged to spend our time in meaningful endeavors.

Paul writes, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16, ESV).