



Southeast Missouri, Illinois & Wisconsin Region
ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

“Making a Change by being good
stewards of our time”

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Discussion Points

- ◆ Take a sincere look at our time/life
- ◆ Identify areas that we can change (improve)
- ◆ Make the changes to be better than good but Great!



What are the key parts?


- ◆ **Change?** To make different; cause a transformation (*Webster's*)
- ◆ **Steward?** *one who actively directs affairs :a servant who manages property* A definition of stewardship is a person using every talent and repeatedly sacrificing desires to do the right thing. The meaning of Christian stewardship has been completely confused over the years. People must understand that Christians are called to be good stewards all the time, not just on Sunday morning
- ◆ **Time/Life?** an instance or single occasion for some event (*Webster's*)
1 Corinthians 3:9 (New International Version)
9For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.



Poor steward
Good steward
Great steward

- ◆ What's Important to you?
- ◆ Let's take a look at our day

What is important to you?

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- 1) GOD
 - 2) HEALTH
 - 3) FAMILY TIME
 - 4) WORK/CARRER
 - 5) CHURCH
 - 6) EDUCATION
 - 7) COMMUNITY
 - 8) SOCIAL
 - 9) PLAY
 - 10) DOIN NONTHIN

How can we make changes to do better



- ◆ **Ephesians 4:28 (New International Version)**

28He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

- ◆ **Colossians 3:23-24 (New International Version)**

23Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

- ◆ **1 Peter 4:10-11 (New International Version)**

10Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.



What are the benefits of Good to Great stewardship?

- ◆ **Maximizing what God has given you:** Gifts come from the Spirit to be used to the glory of Christ through the benefits of others. The gifts may be cooking, cleaning, driving a bus, serving as a captain for a Rally, for leading, singing, playing a musical instrument, counseling, encouraging, lecturing, teaching, preaching, making peace, lifting up others. (*Bishop Gilmore, The Pulpit and The Pew*)
- ◆ **Better Peace**
- ◆ **Better Joy**
- ◆ **Better Health**
- ◆ **Better Testimony: 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (New International Version)**
- ◆ 2You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. 3You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
- ◆ *Making room for Gods increase*



Don't Worry Be Happy

- ◆ **Luke 12:22-34 (New International Version)**

Do Not Worry

22Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life]? 26Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

32"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



When will you!

Make changes to be a good to greater
steward of time!

Questions and Answers