

Mastering the Moments

Stewardship is based on **two principles**:

- **God owns it all** (Psalm 24:1).
- Every believer has the personal responsibility **to manage all that God has given him/her** to the glory of God (Romans 14:12; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

Stewardship of Time

God gave us the gift of time.

- God established the **rhythm of life** (Genesis 1:3-2:3; Psalm 74:16; Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12-13).

- We all have the **same amount** of time in a day, week, month and year.

1 day = 24 hours / 1 day = 1,440 minutes

1 week = 168 hours / 1 week = 10,080 minutes

1 month = 730.484398 hours / 1 month = 43,829.0639 minutes

1 year = 8 765.81277 hours / 1 year = 525,948.766 minutes

- **Each event** of life should be given its **appropriate** timing and length of time (Ecclesiastes 3:1-12).
- Time is *not* under human **control** (Luke 12:16-20; Psalm 31:14-15).

❑ **Our time is limited.**

- Life is **brief** (Psalm 90:10-12).
- We cannot be **presumptuous** about the future (James 4:13-17).

❑ **We are to use time wisely and responsibly.**

- We must be **sensitive to the opportunities** in order to make the most of them (Colossians 4:5; Ephesians 5:15-17).
- We must recognize the **difference** between:
 - What is important and what is only seemingly urgent (Luke 10:38-42).
 - The clear call of God that must be obeyed and the unexpected opportunity that need not be taken up (2 Corinthians 2:12-13).
 - Ordinary human plans and God's extraordinary purposes (Proverbs 19:21).
- Our use of time **reflects** our priorities (Matthew 6:19-21, 33).