

EQUIP

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Stewardship is using the gifts and resources that God has given us wisely. Ultimately, they are God's not ours; and we are only stewards.

Book References:

Crazy Busy by Kevin DeYoung

Do More Better by Tim Challies

Time: God has given us all 24 hours in every day. It is the one resource distributed with complete equality. Crazy busyness and slothfulness are two ends of the spectrum of poor stewardship.

Slothfulness

Slothfulness or idleness is our failure to recognize God's purpose for us with our time.

Are you idle with your time? Fruits of idleness:

1. Complaining
2. Discontentedness
3. Laziness
4. Passivity
5. Cutting corners

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

- 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11

Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

- Colossians 3:22-24

God cares deeply about how we spend our time. We are to do our work whatever we do as an act of worship to him. We ultimately service him.

Crazy Busyness

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

- Luke 10:38-42

Three dangers to avoid:

1. Busyness can ruin our joy
2. Busyness can rob our hearts
3. Busyness can cover up the rot in our souls

12 reasons why we struggle:

1. People-pleasing
2. Pats on the back
3. Performance evaluation
4. Possessions
5. Proving myself
6. Pity
7. Poor planning
8. Power
9. Perfectionism
10. Position or role
11. Prestige
12. Posting

One thing you must do: We must make learning from him and taking time to be with time the priority. What is wrong is to live a life with more craziness than we want because we have less Jesus than we need.

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