Time Is Your Most Precious Commodity

I wouldn't have thought that time was my most precious commodity as a son, but that's what our King told us recently:

"" Time is your most precious commodity. You would do well to spend it doing good for yourself and others as directed by My Spirit," says the Lord. "Spend time in My presence where you can access wisdom as you are being refreshed and renewed. Refuse to squander your time in division and hatred. Spend your time wisely as you surround yourself with love and goodness."" 1

As he's said it, I accept is as fact. That, then, means I need to comply with his instruction and be wise in how I use my time. I've been doing that in a much better way since I've been deprogrammed from religion and legalism, but there's still more I need to learn about the right use of time, as he teaches me.

In the past, our King has pointed out to me the following time wasters:

- 1. Entering into gossip at any level.²
- 2. Involving myself in 'small talk' and sharing inconsequential matters.
- 3. 'Giving in' to those who manipulate me out of my time.
- 4. Allowing others to argue the point with me in order to change my thinking.
- 5. Failing to prioritise my time.
- 6. Neglecting my responsibilities³ by using my time on other matters.
- 7. Focusing on and operating where I have no authority.⁴
- 8. Being pressured to be busy with my 'to do' list.⁵

As a point of teaching, there are other time-wasters, but suffice to say, many of them we are totally oblivious to. The point, though, is to see our time as 'Kingdom time' which we are personally responsible for. I put 'personally' in there, because <u>no one else is responsible for us</u> as individual adults and Kingdom sons. We can't abrogate our Kingdom duty in any way, and blame anyone else, but ourselves.

With that in mind, we must understand that <u>all our time is Kingdom time</u>, not just those times we are on <u>Kingdom activities</u>. Our whole lives belong to the King (and his Kingdom) when we gave our allegiance to him. That includes our time and how we use it.

Note of us use our time totally righteously – i.e. as our King wants us to use it. We fail to meet his desire in that area, but he doesn't penalise us for those failures. Instead, his unconditional love is always drawing us in to do things his way, and it's this drawing that we need to submit to, not any condemnation.

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^{1 –} Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" Nov. 4, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: ft111.com/straws2023.htm]

^{2 –} SEE: "Our Responsibility in the Middle East" (20-10-2023) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-Our-Responsibility-in-the-Middle-East-20-10-2023.pdf

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^{5 – &}quot;Let Go Of Your To Do List" (7-11-2023) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Let-Go-Of-Your-To-Do-List.pdf