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It is not time my worth!

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When we say "it is not worth my time," we are determining whether or not money will be wasted.

What if we turned it around and asked whether it was time our worth? That is, instead of assigning a money value to time, what if we began assigning time value to money? It seems the better course to follow since time cannot be renewed in the way money can.

Money spent can be replaced. Time wasted cannot.

Here is some information to help you get started in chronologizing money:

**You have 365 days in your year,
7 days in your week,
24 hours in your day,
60 minutes in each hour,
60 seconds in each minute.**

This is no more and no less than any billionaire, college student, sanitation worker, teacher or professional athlete. The only difference is that we don't know when time runs out for an individual. Thus, money can be renewed and reported as a sum, while time is not renewable and the sum is known only when an earthly life runs out.

More thoughts:

If a person works 50 weeks a year five days a week, they have 120 days to devote to worship, service and leisure. Many have more days than this. How are you spending your days?

If a person tithes from the 168 hours they have each week, the equivalent of a waking day could be devoted to worship and ministry. This provides yet another way to think about keeping the sabbath.

The Scriptures are clear about this. In the Old Testament system of sabbaths and tithing, time and money are interwoven, with the organization of time driving one's orientation to live a generous life.

For myself, I've tried to set aside 120 days each year—a firstfruits if you will—made available to God, family, rest, play and personal pursuits. Keeping this part of life holy adds perspective and strength for the remaining days that are given to labor.

The beautiful thing is that while doing this our income has improved and we have more ways to use time and money for the glory of God.

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