

# Luke Farrugia: The Stewardship of Time (16/3/19)

86,400 seconds make up every day. We all have the same amount of time to. The question is: how do we steward that time?

## The Value of Time!

Jordan Peterson - This is why you waste your time (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsNzAuYDgy0&t=96s>).

Thomas Edison:

In 1914, Thomas Edison's factory burned down in what was no doubt one of the most damaging fires of the day. However, what was more remarkable than the damage itself, was the attitude of the 67 year old Thomas Edison. As he and his son watched the flames destroying his factory it is documented that he asked his son to run and fetch his mother as 'this was probably the biggest fire she would ever have the opportunity to witness.' The estimated damage of that fire was around 1 million dollars (and that's back then! You can only imagine what that would have been worth in today's standards!). Unfortunately, because he was quite a bit behind in the documentation of his property, Edison was only insured for about one quarter of that value. Remarkably, the very next year - 1915 - Edison had rebuilt the factory and the estimated revenue from that year was around 10 million dollars - simply because he did not give up!

"The stewardship of time is the gearbox of life, as you more effectively manage your time you travel further, faster." Luke Farrugia

## God Care about your Time!

1. Proverbs 6:6-11 - Learn from the diligent ants. They make good use of their time.
2. Ephesians 5:15-17 - Redeeming the time! Make good use of what you have left!
3. Ecclesiastes 9:10 - Live every moment to the fullest! Make every one count.
4. The Sabbath is also a great example of the value that God places on time. He set up this 'restraint' so that we - after a weekly recharge/re-calibration - would gain maximum value for our time.

## Joseph - A Wise Steward:

Family Life (Genesis 37:12-36)

- Joseph was a faithful servant of his father
- Joseph was favoured among the brothers
- His brothers were jealous of him, so they sold him into Egyptian slavery

Potiphar's House (Genesis 39:1-23)

- Joseph was a faithful servant of Potiphar
- Joseph was favoured above the other servants because everything he did prospered
- Joseph had fidelity and integrity
- Potiphar recognised that Joseph was capable of being self-managed and gave him oversight over all his house
- Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph and in order to cover it up she set him up and he was placed in prison

Prison (Genesis 40:1-23)

- Joseph was a faithful servant in the prison
- Because of the excellence of his work/service Joseph is again promoted and made overseer of the prison
- Because of his faithfulness in the prison and his past interpretation of dreams inside the prison, Joseph is summoned to interpret Pharaoh's dream

## Royal Court (Genesis 41:1-57)

- Joseph tells Pharaoh both the dream, as well as how to save the country from going under during the years of famine
- Pharaoh asks for a character reference on Joseph
- Joseph is promoted to Prime Minister (second in charge under Pharaoh)
- During the years of famine he is restored to his family (by means of his position and power)

*Such is the result of faithfulness in the smallest things!*

Promotion to Prime Minister <-- Faithfulness in Prison

Promotion in Prison <-- Faithfulness serving in the Prison

Promotion in Potiphar's House <-- Faithfulness serving in Potiphar's House

Favour at Home <-- Faithfulness serving at Home

## Practical Tactics:

Serve - Do not grow weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

- This was one of the keys to both Joseph's experience and Jesus' Ministry
- Serving others blesses them and enriches you
- Service builds influence

Parkinson's Law - Work expands to fill the time available for its completion

- If you have all day to do something, it will take all day. If you do not, it will take less time

The Pareto Principle - 20% of your effort yields 80% of your positive outcomes

- 80% of your success will come from 20% of your effort
- 80% of your stress comes from 20% of your inputs
- Like Jesus we should be identifying these things and adjusting our lives accordingly.

The Eisenhower Matrix - Prioritise your tasks effectively

- Categorise your tasks to identify priority
  - Important & Urgent
    - Do
  - Important & Not Urgent
    - Schedule
  - Not Important & Urgent
    - Postpone or Delegate
  - Not Important & Not Urgent
    - Eliminate

## Are You Ready to Redeem the Time?

We all have the same amount of time. We all have gifts/abilities. Yet we do not all make the same amount of comparative difference with our abilities. We can!!

- Thomas Edison - 67 years old when he rebuilt his factory
- Abraham - 100 years old before having Isaac
- Nelson Mandela - Elected President at 76 years old
- Benjamin Franklin - Signed the declaration of independence at 70 years old

Whether you are young or old, make the most of the time that you have!!

We have a responsibility to do so. And what a privilege that is!