

How many “T”s are there in the word “Stewardship”?

Did you guess ‘1’? The real answer is ‘3’. Look closer; there are 3 T’s in Stewardship.

The first “**T**” is for **Time**. Time is a precious gift from God. You have a finite amount of it on earth and you don’t know when it’s up. You can’t create more of it, but you can control how you use the time you have. Do you give much thought about what you choose to do with your time? Demands will come from everywhere for the use of your time. Many people allow others to choose for them. Take control of your time. Decide what you want to do with your awesome gift of time.

The second “**T**” is for **Talent**. Talent is a natural ability that you excel at. You can have one or many talents. You’ve seen it all the time. Certain things just come naturally to some people like the talent of listening, comforting, cooking, handy work, singing, organizing, sewing, speaking, healing, leading, following, etc. Do you know what your talents are? Are you putting them to good use?

The third “**T**” is for **Treasure**. Treasure refers to the monetary/material blessings you possess. Money – some say is the root of all evil. Others say it can’t buy you happiness, while others claim “it’s what makes the world go round”. Just like you need a certain level of money to maintain the lifestyle you live, the church needs a certain amount of treasure to function to its fullest potential. When you think about it, what a great value the church is. How many other places can you think of that operate on a “pay what you’d like” methodology and receive equal service? The same level of service from worship, fellowship, spiritual healing, education, world service and everything else the church has to offer is ours regardless of our level of giving to the church.

So when you ponder the “**T**” in stewardship, don’t just consider one, think of all 3; **Time, Talent** and **Treasure**. Consider them a blended gift of yourself, which you combine with just the right amount of each and when you put all 3 of them together it spells “Stewardship”.

God Bless.