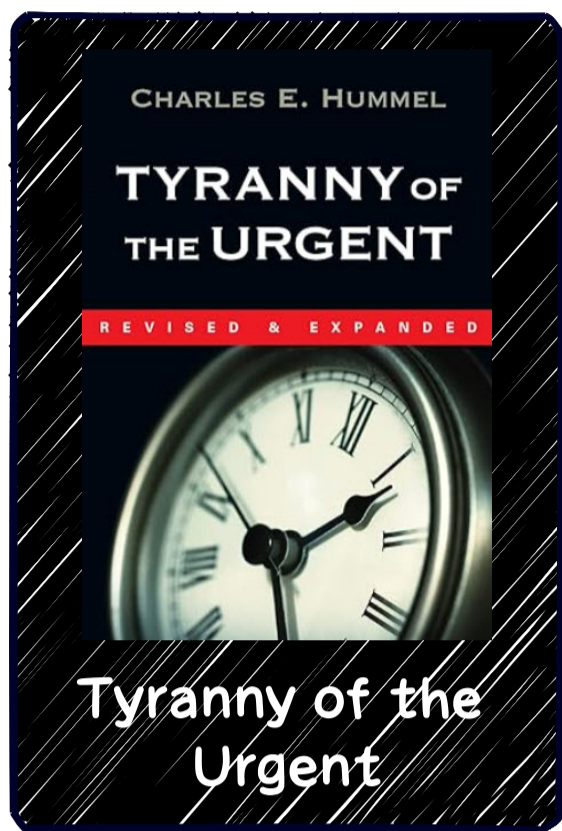


**About**

- Author: Charles Hummel
- Short Read. Charles passed in 2004.
- Concise Book that Looks at Time...Where it Goes...What Jesus Did...and What we can do. 31 pages...and 3 shouldn't count.



**Body**

- Ever Wished for 30 Hour Day?
  - Parkinson's Principle: Work expands to fill all the available time.
  - Find ourselves working more, and enjoying it less.
- Jumbled Priorities
  - We think: Shortage of Time. Reality: Problem with Priorities.
  - Live in constant tension between the urgent and the important.
  - The telephone has infiltrated our castles...our homes.
  - The Answer to avoid becoming slaves to the tyranny of the urgent...Let's look at Jesus.
- Jesus Example
  - Many unmet needs were still unmet, however, John 17...he knew he had completed the work he needed to do. God's will.
  - He came not to do his own will, but that of his Father.
  - Was never feverish, and he made time for people.
- Wait for instructions
  - Mk 1:35...Jesus was up before dark and went to pray.
  - Jn 11:3 - Mary and Martha send for Jesus to heal Lazarus...Jesus stayed for 2 more days. then The urgent thing...was to save Lazarus. The important thing...was to raise him from the dead.
  - Waiting for His Father's instruction freed him from the Tyranny of the Urgent.
- Dependence Makes You Free
  - Jn 8:31-36...the truth will set you free.
  - the root of sin...is self-sufficiency...
  - we must wait PRAYERFULLY for God's will and guidance.
  - Jesus served in complete dependence to his Father.
- Spending Time and Money
  - Unlike Money, times comes to all of us in equal amounts.
  - Have a wide differences in talents, energy, and opportunities.
  - We make the hours count for what is important.
  - Good section on stewardship...each has received gifts...employ it for one another.
  - If we have a limited amount of money...\$20...we can't misuse it or we'll not be able to buy what we need. Similarly...we must be cautious of our 24 hours.
  - 4 Steps will help us be more productive with our time.
- 1. Decide What is Important.
  - I don't have time, means I don't consider that to be as important as something else I want or need to do.
  - first step is to decide priority in our life so we can decide what activities are most important on a daily/weekly basis.
  - p.18...each Christian has different talents, energy, personal needs, and assignments. Each needs to assess what is a reasonable allocation each week.
- 2. Assess where time is currently going.
  - Money budgets and time budgets both start with current snapshots.
  - Budgeting your time is a lot like budgeting money. Must make a time budget and trim the fat. p.19**
  - Me: It's not the same as the federal government and their budget.
  - Need a Chart of Time inventory. Use 1/2 hour segments.
  - Compare to Priorities Desired List. Where Spent?
- 3. Budget the Hours
  - Great Use of Metaphor of OceanLiner turning slowly. Can't expect to change every single thing at once.
  - LOVE this...last sentence...Just as dollars need to be set aside for emergencies, so hours should be reserved for unexpected demands.
- 4. Follow Through
  - Pray for God to provide priority for the tasks to be done. Commitment to complete them.
  - Competent Generals always draw up battle plans in advance of an attack.
  - Trap: Tyranny of the Telephone!
  - Also, Withstanding urgent replies can help discern God's will for your involvement.
  - Review your budget, if you take something on, what will be missed? or cut short? or need rescheduled?
  - LOVE this...p.26. It very well may be that God wants you to to accept the invitation, but not without first counting the cost. This part of the paragraph is literal GOLD.
  - Learned to realize he is indispensable ONLY until he says NO.
  - Helps to know your PURPOSE and have a battle plan for an overall strategy.
- Evaluate
  - Business people recognize need to evaluate present and plan for the future.
  - Sales: set aside Friday afternoon...Frank Bettger!
  - Christians who are too busy to stop, take spiritual inventory and receive their assignments from God become slaves to the tyranny of the urgent. p. 27**
  - p. 28. Ironically, the busier we get, the more we need these periods - and the less we seem to be able to schedule them.**
  - So true...the NEED itself, however urgent, is not the call for us to meet it. the call must come from the Lord who knows our limitations.
- Continue the Effort
  - 2 Opposite ways to use time...I is carried by the wind responding to inner compulsion and outward pressures. Another has a plan and sets priorities and prayerfully makes decisions in advance.
  - Weekly and monthly inventory planning is the path to escaping the tyranny of the urgent.**
  - p. 29 Nothing substitutes for knowing that on this day, at this hour, in the place, we are doing the will of our Father in heaven.**
  - Only then can we contemplate unfinished tasks.
  - Want to hear...well done thy Good and Faithful servant.