

The Gift of Time

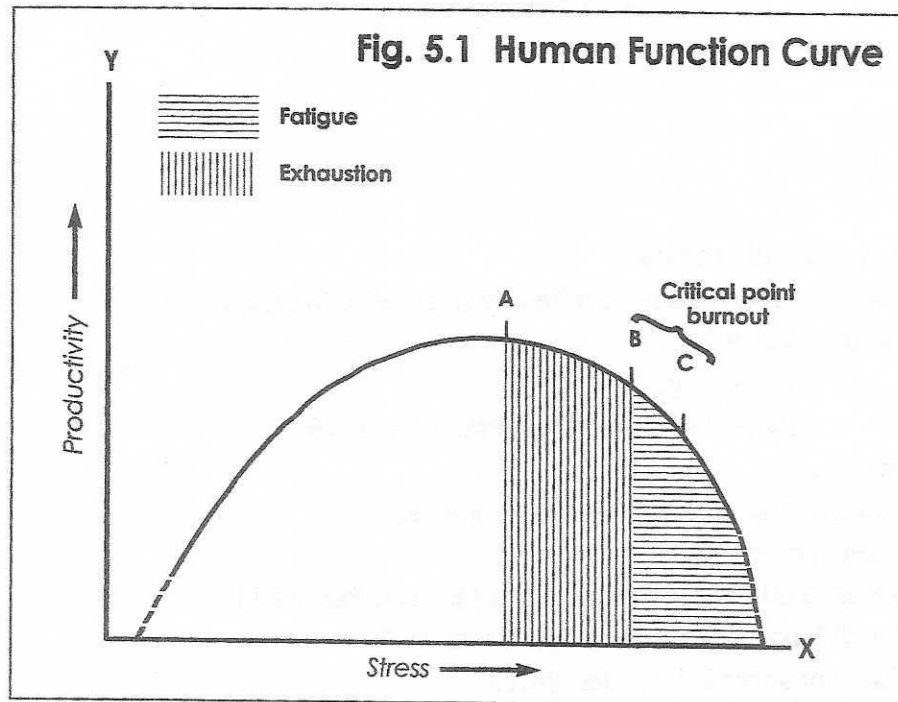
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- I. The Author of Time
 - A. Gen. 1:3-5
 - B. Why?
 - 1. A world without time
 - 2. God is eternal, and not limited by time. Psa. 90:2,4; II Pet. 3:8
 - 3. Death. Heb. 9:27
 - a. Life is long. Psa. 90:10
 - b. Life is short. Jas. 4:14; Psa. 103:15, 16
 - 4. The tunnel
 - 5. "Time is that on which eternity depends."
 - C. Scriptural aspects of time
 - 1. We have all the time we need. II Pet. 1:3; Psa. 84:11
 - 2. We all have the same amount. Matt. 5:45
 - 3. Time not spent is lost. Jer. 46:17
 - 4. God is able to make up for lost time. Joel 2:25
 - 5. How we spend our time reveals our priorities. Matt. 8:21, 22
 - D. We should use our time wisely. Eph. 5:15-17
 - 1. Motivation. I Pet. 5:8; I Cor. 4:2
 - 2. Currency
- II. Priorities
 - A. Relationship with God. Matt. 6:33; Josh. 24:15
 - B. Family. I Tim. 5:8; Eph. 5:25
 - C. Career and Education. Col. 3:23
 - D. Outreach. Col. 1:28, 29
 - E. Others: health, friendships, extended family, church involvement, leisure time, finances, community service, etc., etc., etc.
 - F. Application
 - 1. The \$25,000 Secret: Do the most important things first!
 - 2. Linear living
- III. Issues for 2015
 - A. Progress - gives us more and more of everything faster and faster. Gen. 11:5,6; Prov. 16:8
 - B. Overload - we all have limits. Ex. 5:5-18

- C. Balance - A process of remaining in the center of God's will for your life.
Psa. 127:1,2; Mk. 1:35
- D. Margin - The space between our load and our limits. I Cor. 9:24



From Dr. Richard Swenson, Margin

IV. Goals

A. Life Goals

1. General: Rom. 8:29; Gal. 5:22-23
2. Specific: Luke 10:9
3. Should involve our own mission statement and life verse:
Phil. 3:10; Acts 20:24; II Tim. 2:2; Isa. 58:10-12; Micah 6:8

B. Long range (5-10) years, Intermediate (1-5 years), and Short-term (0-1 year) goals

C. Areas of Setting Goals - Luke 2:52

1. Favor with God (spiritual) - Rom. 8:29. Should include both spiritual intake (growth) and output (ministry).
2. Favor with man (social) - Rom. 12:13
3. Wisdom (mental) - Mk. 12:37. Should include education (Eccl. 10:10) and finances (II Thess. 3:10).
4. Stature (physical) - I Cor. 6:19-20. Includes health, sleep, nutrition, recreation.

- V. Excellence - Mk. 7:37; Col. 3:23
- A. Positive - Doing well
 - B. Zero - Baseline Acceptable Performance (BAP)
 - C. Negative - Not doing as well as I should

	Career	Family	Church	Ministry	Evangelism	Fellowship	Prayer	Word	Health	Rest
+10										
+5										
BAP 0										
-5										
-10										

- VI. Old (and forgotten) Friends
- A. Contentment - commended and commanded
 - 1. You shall not covet. Ex. 20:17
 - 2. A secret. Phil. 4:11-13
 - 3. Food and covering. I Tim. 6:6-12
 - 4. What you have. Heb. 13:5,6
 - B. Simplicity. Heb. 12:1; II Cor. 11:3
 - 1. A natural outflow
 - 2. The true cost of things
 - C. Motivation: going deep. Psa. 46:10
 - 1. Modernity - an endless sequence of twitching
 - 2. Depth with God

VII. Seasons. Lk. 12:16-21

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