

“Time: Use It or Lose It”

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“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

*A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot,
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to tear down and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain,
A time to search and a time to give up,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace,*

What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Ecc. 3:1-11

“3 Principles That Will Help My Time Management.”

1. If I want to use it and not lose it, I must have a plan.

“Be careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Eph. 5:15

Each use of time requires a decision to be made. Ask yourself these 5 questions before making a decision:

1. How **important** is it?
2. Is this the **right time** for this?
3. How **much time** will it **require**?
4. How **much time** do **I have**?
5. What will I have to **give up** in order to do it?

*Key decision: I will **evaluate** my time.*

2. If I want to use it and not lose it, I must plan with the right perspective.

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1. **Work vs Rest**
2. **Planning vs trusting**
3. **Schedule vs Relationships**
4. **Discipline vs Flexibility**

Key decision: I will balance my time

3. If I want to use it and not lose it, I must have a plan with the right perspective with the right purpose.

"But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God," My times are in your hands." Ps. 31:14-15

"This plan, which God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head." Ephesians 1:10 (TEV)

Key decision: I will submit my time to God.

If today's message was helpful to you check out these resources!

"Priorities: Mastering Time Management" Petty

"The One-Minute Manager" Blanchard and Johnson

"Time Management God's Way" Adams

"Life is Simple: Eliminate Complexity from your life and redeem stolen time." Gartrell

- This week in your Groups InCommon

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1. Read Ecc. 3:1-11. What season of life do think you are in right now? What seasons are there to look forward to?
2. Are you too busy? What simple changes can you make today that would remove the stress from your life?
3. Have you ever budgeted your time? Make an effort this week to take a survey of your daily time usage and see where your time is really going.