

## **“Now is the Time”**

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Bible-First Lifestyle weekly reading: Acts 1-18; Prov. 9-12

- In a world where we are told everything is urgent, how do we discern what truly is urgent?
- What does God say is urgent and how does that relate to reaching Africa’s next generation?
- Now is the time to teach our children about Him.

*“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” Dt. 4:9*

Now is the time for the church to do everything it can to reach children.

*“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 10:13-14*

- Now is the time to get right with God.

*“For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2*

- Is God speaking to you about doing something now to reach Africa’s next generation?
- What is God saying to you about what is truly urgent in your life?

### **Things to Look for in Your Reading for Next Week**

Acts 19-28; Lev. 1-11; Prov. 12-15

1. God told Paul he would preach in Rome. What was Paul’s circumstance when he finally arrived there? What does this tell us about God’s will and our being able to discern it?
2. See how the Spirit leads Paul on his voyage to Rome. When you are at work do you rely on the Holy Spirit to give you ideas and authority to guide you and your coworkers?

3. In Leviticus we learn about the various offerings God commanded to be brought for worship. What forms of worship today would compare with those offerings?
4. As you read through the Proverbs how do you use those words of wisdom in your daily life? What specific teachings are the most meaningful to you?