



A Matter of Time

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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

²a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,

³a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,

⁴a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

⁵a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

⁶a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,

⁷a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,

⁸a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹What does the worker gain from his toil? ¹⁰I have seen the burden God has laid on men. ¹¹He 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. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. ¹³That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

¹⁵Whatever is has already been,
and what will be has been before;
and God will call the past to account.

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1. A Shift in Time

Why?

How?

2. A Time for God (vss. 11 & 14)

Why?

How?

(Continues on back)

3. A Time for Others (*Romans 3:11-13*)

Why?

How?

4. A Time for Preparation (*vs. 15*)

Why?

How?

Next Steps

Take a personal inventory of your time for one week. Create a weekly calendar and track how you are spending the time God has given you. At the end of the week, look over your time sheet and ask yourself these questions:

1. How much time did I spend fulfilling God's purposes?
2. How much time did I spend putting others first?
3. How much time did I spend preparing myself for the most important time in my life?

Weekly Schedule

Name _____

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**Grab a time sheet in the Commons
on your way out or download one at
ctkbellingham.com/resources/sermons**

Small Group Discussion Questions



1. Looking back on your life, what would say is one of the most significant or memorable times? Why so?
2. How do you respond to the idea that time does not belong to you, but to God? Is that easy or difficult to accept? Is it surprising? Comforting? Challenging?
3. In what ways are you currently using the time God has given you to seek Him and know Him?
4. In what ways are you using the time God has given you to love others?
5. What is one thing you could change in your life that would better prepare you to give an account to God for your time?
6. How can we pray for you tonight?