

It's About Time

All of us know there is a proper time to do and say certain things. Words and actions have their proper times. **Timing is everything!**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-17

Divinely Timed Universe

- ***Wise person lives in accordance with the ordered ways of nature and human society = well lived life***
- ***The foolish refuse to learn and defy rhythms of time = destruction and failure***
 - ***Blow paycheck on pay day***
 - ***Lazy, corner-cutting, procrastination = failure***
 - ***Being consistently late for appointments and work***
- ***God's timing teaches that patience is often a requirement in successful ventures. Seeds take time to mature before their produce.***
- ***Wisdom implies that we all must confront our own death. There is a rhythm to life.***
 - ***Psalms 90:2 So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.***
 - ***Ephesians 5:16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.***
- ***Divine Determination—everything is pre-determined by God?***
 - ***Birth or Death?***
 - ***Does God prearrange the entire universe to just do something in my life?***
 - ***Many aspects of life are under our direct control!***
 - ***Education***
 - ***Career***
 - ***Money management***

- ***Diet, sleep, exercise habits***
- ***How we treat other***
- ***Work habits***
- ***Things out of your control***
 - ***Weather***
 - ***Economy***
 - ***Other people***
- ***Natural cycles of nature, life and society***
 - ***Life is made of seasons and opportunities***
 - ***Actions & reactions must be appropriate to the relationship or circumstance***
 - ***God gives context to the seasons of life***
 - ***Must successfully navigate the changing seasons of life***
 - ***When our life engages with God's love, we experience something of eternal value***

Rhythm & Balance (worship, work, rest & play)

- ***A life out of rhythm or balance***
 - ***Work - driven, stress, overbearing, demanding, mean***
 - ***Rest - lazy, unproductive***
 - ***Play - superficial, aimless***
 - ***Worship - weird, dangerous, extreme***

Time to keep silent & time to speak

- ***Words are powerful***
 - ***God spoke the world into existence***

- ***We speak much of our own world into existence. We, unlike God, are not sovereign. We cannot control every variable. Still, our words create and destroy.***
- ***Proverbs 15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and **a word spoken in due season**, how good it is!***
- ***Proverbs 25:11 A **word fitly spoken** is like apples of gold in settings of silver.***
- ***Proverbs 18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.***

Eternity in Our Hearts

- ***Solomon did not, nor will you, find the meaning and purpose of life in the cycles and seasons of time.***
- ***Why? Because, God “**has set eternity in our hearts.**”***
- ***Eternal meaning cannot be found in the cycles of time.***
- ***Ecclesiastes 3:10-15***
- ***Use your allotted time under the sun to love God and others. Glorify God and enjoy Him. Leave the world a better place than you found it.***
- ***Live now with eternity in mind.***