

TIME

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PRAYER MEETING
TEACHING NOTES
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Each one of us is led by God differently on how we come up with what message would God use at each specific time that we share His word, to inspire, to encourage, and meet each person's need in many different ways.

Mine was transpired by a recent incident that most of you already know which was one of our prayer items, the loss of one of my best close friends, Judith Barnes. That's how this message entitled "Time" was impressed to me by the Lord. I worked with her for five years, very closely, being her the Head Accountant and me as her assistant. So, five days of the week, we would have lengthy conversations about life especially during our breaks and lunchtime.

One of the very common topic that we would talk about is the “time” that we have. The time for our work, family and ministry. We had so many plans that we would do together, and we just have to agree in setting up the time to do it. And none of them, honestly speaking was fulfilled. The only “time” that we had was doing our work.

Scriptures of our topic today:

Psalm 90:12

**“Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”**

James 4:14:

“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”

Important Truths about Time:

- 1) Everyone, whether young or old, rich or poor, successful or not, possesses the same commodity “time”***
- 2) Every one of us is given the same amount of time. We all have the same 24 hours a day***
- 3) Time once spent or passes, it will never come back. Time is one of the easiest to waste if we are not using it properly. It can pass by so fast***
- 4) Money that was lost can be earned again but time can not be earned back. Once this day passes, it will not come back
Today is September 8, 2026, once it reaches 12 midnight, another day or time will come. 9/8/26 is gone and will not come back.***
- 5) We can not control time, it passes, no matter what, but we can control what we can do with it***
- 6) What we did with our time has a lot to do with what we became and where we are at right now.***

The Importance of Time

In our scripture, teach us to “number our days” simply means not just to count our days but

1) Recognize that our days are limited. We can not say how much more time God has given us.

The last heart to heart talk with my friend Judith, was when I went to pick up our income tax papers, last April. She said, I want to do exactly what you are doing, three days a week work, then have more time for God’s work. She shared with me that she used to walk to church when she was young and was really happy serving the Lord through the Worship/Choir. She also said, next year, I can do the same thing, part time then come to church and help out in the choir. She is a good singer and knows all the altos and sopranos and all, and I said yes, it would be a big help to the Choir, hand in hand with Bro Sonnie. But in less than six months she was gone.

**2) Time is a gift from God. Let us not waste it
We always hear”**

- I will serve God when I have more time**
- I will spend more time with my family later when my schedule is free**
- I will call that person tomorrow and pray for him/her**
- God has impressed in my heart to do this, I will find the time to do it, when I finish this, when I finish that – some other things we are busy about**
- procrastination, this is so common**

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- reading His Word**
- serving**
- obey His will/ how we spend our time**

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4) Let us use our time on what has eternal value

We should not be chasing the things that eventually disappear

- our jobs, house, cars, money and possessions are temporary

When we sold our house in Lancaster, me and Ivan focused on what God has in the store for us. We both agreed to pay all our debts, including our cars, and go zero balance. We owe nothing but our daily essentials. And it really feels good and we felt really relieved.

Little did we know that God had something greater for us. Now, as Ivan is enrolled into Bible School, wherein we are investing our time and finances, we know that this is of eternal value and it will not go to waste. By God's grace, He will remain faithful as He always had.

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Ivan told me once and I thought it was really funny but at the same time it is very true.

“You know in the work of God, people who are standing there right now doing the work are one of these three things

1) they are called

2) they volunteered to serve

3) they were “pushed” to do the work or to serve

in Tagalog translation

1) Tinawag

2) Kusang Loob

3) Itinulak

And I asked him, where are you in these three? He said, the third one, you pushed me, putting it in reality, and better term “encouraged” by you to serve

I said, yes, it is true, but I know it was the right way of “tulak” for God’s glory. But I knew in my heart that he has a calling, and I know that God is molding him and equipping him to be used mightily for His kingdom

Conclusion:

Do not wait till tomorrow

The time is NOW

Do not procrastinate

When God says do it now, do it now

In the Book of James 4:14 it says Life is like mist

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

Question and Challenge – What is God telling me to do with my time right now?

Time is not something that we can only spend – it is something that we Give

So let us all pray that God will give us the wisdom to number our days, to use our time for the glory of God

And I say, brothers and sisters, thank you for your time in attending Prayer Meeting, and I can assure you, you have made the right choice

All glory to God