

UNDERSTANDING OUR TIMES

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“To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under Heaven.” - Ecclesiastes 3:1 (AMPC)

“Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.” - Ephesians 5:15-17 (AMPC)

Life is the result of changing times and seasons.

We must become conscious of each season we pass through so as to maximize its purpose.

Seasons are not static but dynamic. They evolve, and it is crucial to embrace them, understand them, and move with them on our life's journey.

God reveals His purpose for us as we align ourselves with and engage our seasons.

Every season demands a seed, and every season is designed to produce a harvest.

The seasons of our life bring change and uniqueness.

“While the Earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” - Genesis 8:22 (AMPC)

Seasons come to help us prepare for harvest.

Seedtime – Harvest time
Sowing – Reaping
Four Seasons – One harvest

All seasons are necessary to teach us faith, discipline, patience, expectation and perseverance.

Principles taught to us in our seasons:

1. You don't determine the timing of your season. God determines when it begins and when it ends. You can never force a season in your life journey.
2. Seasons are not affected by your opinions of them. They force compliance and cooperation. They never ask permission to enter your life.
3. You cannot prevent a season. It does not respond to being bound, rebuked, cursed or cast out.
4. You cannot resist a season. You can only move with it.
5. Seasons force cooperation. When winter arrives, leaves change colors and die, bears hibernate, vegetation decays.
6. Every season has fruit. It comes to bring provision and to cause preparation.

Your season does not qualify you – you qualify for your season. No one is born qualified for their purpose.

Life is designed with times and seasons to qualify you to produce a harvest.

A life of significance requires you to fully embrace your immediate season which God has scheduled in your life and milk it for every possible benefit it can provide.

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To miss a season which God has permitted or sent is to lose an advantage He intended for you.

Seasons are given a time frame in which something is to happen.

“Times and seasons” are two different words in Hebrew.

“Time” means “a definite time period slotted to a certain activity. There is a “fixed” time.

“Season” refers to the specific activity, challenge, trial, favor, victory. God designs a “season” and then appoints a specific time period in which the season occurs. Every season has a “beginning” and an “ending.”

We just experienced a “season” of livestream/drive-in church. The time for that season has ended. Now we have a new “season” of “sit-in/livestream church.”

Paul lays out three powerful principles necessary to redeem the time and understand God’s will.

1. Walk with purpose, worthily and accurately. (verse 15)
Strictly conform your life to a standard, carefully choosing your path, your words and actions. Avoid deception, be ethical, looking, examining, investigating your choices, your direction. Be wise – use your head. Avoid foolish things.
2. Seize every opportunity. (verse 16)
Use your time wisely. “Time” here is “Kairos” meaning “time charged with opportunity, our own possession to be seized and energized by human ingenuity effectual, decisive. Purposeful activity.

Old Proverb of a sleepy African – “The dawn does not come twice to awaken a man.”

3. Be decisive, think clearly and thoughtfully.
Let knowledge, wisdom, understanding give you insight to envision your future. (verse 17)

Then you’ll will to do His will.

Discussion Questions:

- When does God reveal His purpose to us? _____
- What do our seasons teach us? _____
- What qualifies you to produce a harvest? _____
- What is the difference between “times” and “seasons”? _____
- What is “kairos” time? _____

Prayer:

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