

"Stop wasting TIME you don't have."

1. "Kiros" Time: opportune time / appointed / fitting / favorable priorities

Gal 6:10 "As we have opportunity [*kairon*], let us do good to everyone."

Heb 3:13 "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." (Younger Bro)

Col 4:5 "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity [*Kairos*]."

Heb 3:15 "As has just been said: 'Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.'"

2. Chronos ("Chronology") duration: hours, days, season of life / time as measurable on clocks, calendars...

Jas 4:13-16 *Now listen (ESV Come on Now!), you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. 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. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.*

"Stop wasting time you don't HAVE."
We receive it—one moment at a time.

Job 14:5 "A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed."

Psalm 139:16 "...all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

"Humankind cannot bear very much reality."
American Poet **T. S. Eliot**

Eccl 7:2 *It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; and the living should take this to heart.*

3. Wise heart time:

Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Ps 90 in a sentence:

I will not properly number my days until I see my short life in relation to who God is, the certainty of death, the seriousness of eternity, and the grace of God that alone can make a temporary life eternally meaningful.

The Christian response to mortality isn't despair. It is **presence, gratitude, wisdom, love, and faithfulness today.**

Eliot (in *Four Quartets*) asks whether there is a center that does not move with everything else. For the Christian Eliot, the deepest answer ultimately points toward God and eternity. God is not simply another object moving down the timeline with us. He is the eternal reality in relation to whom time itself has meaning.

So the spiritual task isn't escaping time. It is discovering eternity within time. "**The still point**" is where we become truly present.

Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God..."