

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Current Series: The Chase

Message Title: A Time-Conscious Life

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹ What does the worker gain from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on men. ¹¹ He 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. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. ¹³ That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I 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. ¹⁵ Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.

A Time-Conscious Life:

1. _____ **God's** _____

2. _____ **God's** _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

1. Would others consider you time-conscious? In what ways? Do you have any issues with time that others don't know about?
2. Of the fourteen contrasting, God-appointed times in Ecc. 3:2-8, which three speak to you the most today? Why?
3. How does knowing God is sovereign over time impact you? Are you calmed or troubled by this knowledge?
4. In what specific ways does knowing "God will make everything beautiful in its time" encourage you?
5. Take 5-10 minutes and list characteristics one could expect to find in a time-conscious life that Reveres God's Timing.
6. Now do the same thing as it applies to characteristics one could expect to find in a time-conscious life that Enjoys God's Gifts.
7. Could it be said of you that you are living a time-conscious life in that you Revere God's Timing and Enjoy God's Gifts? How so?
8. What do you think the Lord wants you to take away from this message focus? How do you hope it will impact your days and years to come?