

About Time

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What actions does the Bible instruct us to take with time?

Action #1: **VALUE** TIME.

You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath. Psalm 39:5 (New Living Translation)

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded . . .
1 Peter 4:7a (New International Version)

. . . The time that remains is very short . . . 1 Corinthians 7:29 (NLT)

Action #2: **STEWARD** TIME.

Steward = someone **entrusted with another's wealth** and charged with the responsibility of managing it in the owner's best interest

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them." Matthew 25:14 (NIV)

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—¹⁴yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."
James 4:13-15 (English Standard Version)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: . . .⁴a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance . . . Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

Action #3: REDEEM THE TIME.

Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16 (American Standard Version)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for human beings. Colossians 3:23 (Good News Bible)

Three Questions to Help You Redeem Time

- “What season am I in?”
- “What does God want for me today?”
- “Is anything so out of balance that it’s beginning to harm my health, relationships, or walk with God?” (Dr. Larry Osborne)

Action #4: SUBMIT TO GOD’S TIMING IN ALL THINGS.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” ¹⁵My times are in your hand . . . Psalm 31:14-15a (ESV)

Then the king instructed Zadok to take the Ark of God back into the city. “If the LORD sees fit,” David said, “he will bring me back to see the Ark and the Tabernacle again. ²⁶But if he is through with me, then let him do what seems best to him.” 2 Samuel 15:25-26 (NLT)

. . . I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time . . . 1 Timothy 6:13c-15a (NIV)

One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. Romans 1:10 (NLT)

For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. 1 Corinthians 16:7 (ESV)

And this we will do if God permits. Hebrews 6:3 (ESV)