

Got Wisdom?... Time

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Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 NIV

Everything Is Meaningless

1 The words of the Teacher,^[a] son of David, king in Jerusalem:

2 ***“Meaningless! Meaningless!”*** says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

3 What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

4 Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.

5 The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises.

6 The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.

7 All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.

8 All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.

9 What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

10 Is there anything of which one can say, “Look! This is something new”? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.

11 ***No one remembers the former generations***, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them.

Wisdom Is Meaningless

12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! 14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; ***all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.***

Meaningless – Soap Bubbles

- Here today, gone tomorrow
- Time can't increase or decrease, it can only be used wisely or poorly.

Ecclesiastes 3 NIV

A Time for Everything

3 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

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 from embracing,

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 do workers gain from their toil? 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. 11 ***He has made everything beautiful in its time.*** He has also ***set eternity in the human heart***; yet^[a] no one can

fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is **nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.** ¹³ That each of them may **eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their 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 people will fear him.

¹⁵ Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account. ^[b]

¹⁶ And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment—wickedness was there, in the place of justice—wickedness was there.

¹⁷ I said to myself, “God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, **for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.**”

¹⁸ I also said to myself, “As for humans, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals.

¹⁹ Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; **the same fate awaits them both:** As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath ^[c]; humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. ²⁰ All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. ²¹ Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?”

²² So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?

There is a time for everything....

- Eat, drink, enjoy your work, enjoy your life, because we all die!
- Are you out of sync?
 - Recognize the seasons of life
 - Time to build? Time to speed up? Time to change? Time to pass the baton?
 - Dreaming to launching to developing to success to significance...
 - Men of Issachar (1 Chronicles 12:32) – understood the signs of the times & knew what to do.

Proverbs 11:30 NIV

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and **the one who is wise saves lives.**

Proverbs 11:30 NLT

³⁰ The seeds of good deeds become a tree of life; **a wise person wins friends.** ^[a]

Footnotes: 11:30 Or *and those who win souls are wise.*

Time to make friends and influence them for the Kingdom

- People are the only thing that can come with you to heaven
- People are the reason Jesus came to die on the cross
- People are who/what God cares about
- Jesus spent His time doing good...seeking and saving those who were lost
- Seek **FIRST** the kingdom of God and all the other things that you worry about God will help take care of for you (Matthew 6:33)

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