

UNDERSTANDING OUR TIMES

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“Whereupon Jesus said to them, My time (opportunity) has not come yet; but any time is suitable for you and your opportunity is ready any time [is always here].” - John 7:6 (AMPC)

“And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity].” Life is the result of changing times and seasons. - II Corinthians 9:10 (AMPC)

As we live, grow and mature, life demands that we embrace the seasons of our lives.

Our spiritual growth and maturity demand an ever-changing climate—various seasons where God’s work is tailor made to the situation we find ourselves in.

When we conduct ourselves in a spiritual manner, God arranges circumstances and people to cooperate with us for His glory and honor.

Every season is a training time, a learning opportunity.
Every season is a P.E.T. – a personal enrichment time.
Every season is a P.D.T. – a personal development time.

Therefore, it is imperative that we identify the particular season we are in and grasp what we are to learn and how we are to respond as we process it.

Then, our season becomes profitable and beneficial to God, His Kingdom purpose, and to others.

Thoreau said – *“Live in each season as it passes, breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit and resign yourself to the influences of each. Let them be your only diet, drink and botanical medicines.”*

Every season has a time of beauty...the beauty is manifest in the principles it teaches us and the growth we experience because of it.

Every season has an appointed purpose in producing our destiny. Seasons develop and mature us, so that we can perfect His will for us.

We are always in some season.

“...Jesus said to them, ‘My time (opportunity) has not come yet; but any time is suitable for you and your opportunity is ready any time [is always here].’” - John 7:6 (AMPC)

We seem to constantly desire a particular season – of prosperity, of blessing, of healing, of deliverance, of peace, of contentment, of promotion – while we ignore the season we are in.

We desire a season of our choosing rather than one He has designed for us.

Never judge a season by your feelings, emotions, your thoughts, likes or dislikes, whether positive or negative.

He has no greater desire for your life than to become fruitful, productive as you mature in Him.

Remember, His Word speaks of “a due season, a night season, an appointed season, a convenient season, a long season, a sowing season, a prolonged season, a rejoicing season, a reaping season, a fruitful season and a changing season.”

While we cannot always choose our season, we may always choose how we respond to our season.

“God changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding!” - Daniel 2:21 (AMPC)

“My life, my every moment, my destiny – it’s all in Your hands...” - Psalm 31:15 (TPT)

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As His Kingdom subjects, we are to wait for His best on His time schedule.

Through the power of His Holy Spirit and the revelation of His purpose, we are entrusted with Kingdom assignments.

“Waiting” is actually a season of life.

David waited 17 years to sit on the throne of Israel as King.
Joseph waited for 13 years for his dreams to come to pass.
Moses waited 40 years on the backside of the desert.
Israel waited 70 years before their deliverance from Babylonian captivity came.
Paul spent 3 years in the Arabian Desert before he led the early church.

“God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what He is doing.” - Ecclesiastes 3:11

We will not always understand our season, but we must learn to trust God enough to accept the fact that He knows what is best for us.

Never judge your relationship with God based on your current season.

He is always perfecting us in every facet of our living making us mature, full grown, lacking nothing.

When God is more real to you than your physical resources you will never lack.

“For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.” - Hebrews 10:36 (AMPC)

“But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.” - James 1:4 (AMPC)

The original meaning of “patience” is “remaining under, staying power.”

It is “understanding” – the power to stand up under whatever the situation. “Waiting” is patience’s hardest work.

The most important principle for human growth and development is your response to your seasons.

Discussion Questions:

- Every season is a _____ time.
- Every season is a _____ opportunity.
- Every season has an appointed _____ in producing our _____.
- You can always choose how you _____ to you season.
- Patience means _____.
- _____ is patience’s hardest work.

Prayer:

Pray this verse over you:

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