



**DEVOTION:** March 12

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*Time (Life Realities)*  
**ROBERT SIMMS**

*Time is the most precious commodity and the least guarantee; the most often wasted as a possession, and the most appreciated as a gift.*

In the space of a single day, we may or may not have it, we take it or can't make it, we lose it and find it, we buy it or spend it, and we invest it or waste it.

It's our time.

And of all the things we have in life, it is the most precious commodity. From the perspective of eternity, we had a fixed amount of time when we began life's brief trek. As a resource, it is constantly being depleted and is not renewable in this world.

As one of the many things God gives us to manage for Him and His glory, our time is to be used under His guidance. On the one hand, this means we are to recognize the rhythm and balance of time. The writer of Ecclesiastes rightly observed that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. Some purposes are urgent and some are not.

On the other hand, a biblical approach to time management requires us to realize that life is always briefer than we think. James pithily said that life is a vapor. The brevity of life makes the urgent more urgent than we often think it, and the casual less necessary than we sometimes insist.

Among the Bible's greatest wisdom for our right use of time is Paul's insistence that we redeem the time by living wisely before those who do not yet know Christ. Thus, time becomes part of our witness to Jesus. Since we cannot guarantee that we will always have tomorrow or next year to be a better witness than we were yesterday, time spent today in casting the kingdom net may yield a catch that may not be caught another day.

Since time when given is most greatly valued, perhaps time sown today in someone else's salvation may yield eternal fruit. And without a doubt, time exchanged for spiritual treasure will bring lasting joy.

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**SCRIPTURES**

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