

Brethren, The Time Is Short

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1 Corinthians 7:29 ?But this I say, **brethren, the time is short??**

Psalm 89:47-48 Remember **how short my time is**: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? 48 What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah

Our days in this world are fleeting

Psalm 103:15-16 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Our days are as a shadow

1 Chronicles 29:15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: **our days on the earth are as a shadow**, and there is no abiding.

All flesh is as grass

1 Peter 1:24-25 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth [or abides] for ever [or unto the age]. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Our life is a vapour

James 4:14 ??For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.?

A meaningful and sober prayer

Psalm 39:4-5 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. 5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth [or the width of my hand]; and mine age [or ?duration of life?], is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah

Our days are determined

Job 14:5 Man's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed (NIV).

After death is the judgment

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die (in this age), but after this the judgment:

Pass the time of your sojourning in fear

1 Peter 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's

work, **pass the time** of your sojourning *here in fear*:

Exceeding joy at Christ's return

Jude 1:24 Now unto him [our Lord Jesus Christ v.21] that is able [He has the power] to keep you from falling [into a life of sin], and to present *you* faultless [without rebuke] before the presence of **his glory** [in the regeneration, Mt.19:28; at His coming, Mt.25:31] **with exceeding joy**.

Ashamed at Christ's return

Mark 8:38 Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall be **ashamed** of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation (in this age); of him also shall the Son of man be **ashamed, when he cometh in the glory** of his Father with the holy angels (at the end of this age)."

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be **ashamed before him at his coming**.

Not every servant uses his time the same way

Luke 19:12-20 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And **he called his ten servants**, and **delivered them ten pounds** (same amount was given to all), and said unto them, Occupy till I come (use your time wisely). 15 And **it came to pass**, that when **he was returned**, having received the kingdom, then **he commanded these servants to be called unto him**, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, **thy pound hath gained ten pounds**. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou **authority over ten cities**. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, **thy pound hath gained five pounds**. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also **over five cities**. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin*: (not all servants returned the same amount)

The third servant is the unprofitable servant

Matthew 25:30 And cast ye **the unprofitable servant** into **outer darkness**: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

A workman that needs not to be ashamed

2 Timothy 2:15 Study [give all your energy - active imperative] to show thyself [to present yourself NKJ] approved unto God (not mans approval), a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Learn to number your days

Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

All of us have wasted enough time

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein **in time past** ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of **disobedience**:

Redeem the time by walking circumspectly

Ephesians 5:14-17 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye **walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, 16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil (temptations to waste our time). 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

1 Peter 4:2 That he no longer should live **the rest of his time** in the flesh **to the lusts of men**, but [in contrast] **to the will of God**.