

# *The Search for* **Satisfaction**

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## **My Clock is Ticking**

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"Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you want, but you can only spend it once."

### **Talking Points on Time:**

"What time is it?"

"How much time will it take?"

"Time is up!"

"We're losing time."

"I don't have time."

"Daylight Savings Time"

"Value time because it is the stuff life is made of."  
—Benjamin Franklin

Most of us believe with better life management there will be better life fulfillment.

**While life may at times be chaotic, life is not chaos.**

### **I. Time reflects order.**

"Seasons of life":

- To be born and to die
- To plant and to harvest
- To kill and to heal
- To tear down and to rebuild
- To cry and to laugh
- To grieve and to dance
- To scatter stones and to gather stones
- To embrace and to turn away
- To search and to lose
- To keep and to throw away
- To tear and to mend
- To be quiet and to speak up
- To love and to hate
- For war and for peace

### **II. Time Reveals Outcome**

"I have thought about this in connection with the various kinds of work God has given people to do. God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

Ecclesiastes 3:10-11

### **III. Time Requires Oversight**

"And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God's purpose in this is that people should fear him. Whatever exists today and whatever will exist in the future has already existed in the past. For God calls each event back in its turn."

Ecclesiastes 3:14-15

"Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and no longer enjoy living."

Ecclesiastes 12:1

"Here is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is the duty of every person. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

### **Five Ways to Maximize Your Days:**

- View each day as a treasured gift from God
- Live in the present tense
- Set priorities for each day
- Refuse to procrastinate
- Choose to enjoy today