

Time and Opportunity
Ephesians 5: 15-16
Psalms 31: 14-15

Eph: 5:16: “So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don’t be fools; be wise: make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good.”

(lit) “See then that you walk carefully, not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Psalms 31:15: “But I was trusting you, O Lord. I said, ‘You alone are my God; my times are in your hands. Rescue me from those who hunt me down relentlessly.’”

1. Illustration of time -

- a. **Quantity of time – (Chronos) how much time do we have? Overwhelming or under-whelming? Temporal or eternal?**
- b. **Quality of time – (Kairos) the meaning of our time? What goes into the content?**

2. God’s view of time –

- a. **Redeem – (buy up for oneself. Redeem time, a season, in other words, make the most of every opportunity, turning each to the best advantage since none can be recalled if missed.)**
- b. **The ‘Why’ of time: We know we have time and that we live and move in the world of time. The issue here is why does God give us time? The answer is to respond to the opportunities God puts before us.**
- c. **The “What” of time: What are the opportunities God puts before us, and how does he want us to respond to them? Is every opportunity a good one? What is the criteria of a good opportunity? (BNI example)**

3. Our decision about time –

- a. **Time never stops – every day counts – looking forward rather than looking back.**
- b. **Time always brings something different. Ecclesiastes 3.**
- c. **God is with us in time – my times are in your hands – Psalmist – trust rather than fear**