

TIME

“Pastor, how do I know when the time is right to do something for God?” Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that everything has its time... ***“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.”*** It’s interesting to note that there is nothing random about this principle. Everything is enclosed within a season, and there is a specific time for all of heaven’s purposes. Implying that our own plans and purposes may be unmethodical and unpredictable, but God’s plans and purposes are without deviation or oscillation! God has kept the times and seasons under His control and authority (Acts 1:7), and whatever He has predestined is permanent and immovable. It is fixed in a time and season that He alone has knowledge and control of. Many people are interested in the times and seasons because they want to know their future. But this shows a lack of trust in God! He doesn’t want us to know the future; He wants us to trust Him with our future! If we digress from this we may fall into all forms of superstition (i.e. tarot cards, fortune telling and horoscopes).

God wants us to live like the future is under His control. Therefore, we have nothing to ever worry about! Daniel 2:21 says, ***“And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.”*** If necessary, God will change the times and seasons to fit into His plans and purposes! This is a good thing to remember when you are going through tough times! God can change the time or season you are struggling with whenever He wants to! Yet, it’s not for us to know or demand for that change to happen. Sometimes when we are left in a negative situation, God draws our attention and gets us to move in the right direction. Remember, His plans and purposes are immovable, and therefore, we must come in line with them, and not the other way around. Success in life is doing what God wants you to do, when He wants you to do it, and how God wants you to do it! His timing is everything!

There are two words in the New Testament Greek that are translated “time.” They are ‘chronos’ and ‘kairos’. Broadly speaking, ‘chronos’ expresses the duration of a period (a timeline, a space of time), and certain characteristics or features identify ‘kairos’. ‘Chronos’ marks quantity, ‘kairos’ marks quality and opportunity. What we need to constantly be aware of is God sovereignly interrupting our time to fulfil His purpose. This intervention will always be characterised by something that is truly memorable (‘kairos’). Why not ask God to give you ‘kairos’ moment right now! Ask Him to cut across all that you are doing and supernaturally interrupt your daily routine. We all need this kind of visitation. We need to be ever-present in this divine time zone! God wants heaven’s purposes to be manifest in your life so that He may get all the glory. If you trust Him with your future, then expect Him to provide “memorable moments” that are really precious! Don’t settle for anything less; your God wants to engage with you to cause you to live the super-abundant life that Jesus has already secured.