

Knowing the Time Making a Difference

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2 Tim 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration*
Micah 6:8 *do justly; love mercy; walk humbly*
Acts 17:30 *He commands all people to*
Gal 6:7 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked*
Rom 13:11 *And knowing the time, that now it*
Rev 1:3 *Blessed is he that read and heeds the*

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- 1** If we knew the *time*, then making a *difference* in our world would be a priority.
- 2** To be *making a difference* in the lives of others, is first making a commitment to live God's Truth in our own life.
- 3** Living God's Truth means living it out by obeying His precepts on faith and trust—thus being a witness of His plan of life and *making a difference* in the world.
- 4** Following the *Word* is appreciating the *Gift* of eternal life through faith in Christ. Jesus was *born to die* so we could *live* with Him—*forever!*
- 5** The Word of God is a doctrine of Truth to everyone—no one is left out—it is for all who are willing to believe and *willing* to follow the easy instructions of the living Word—forgive all; love enemies; trust God always.
- 6** The Bible instructs everyone and will guide them safely home. AV Micah 6:8 “*He hath shewed*

thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

7 They are easy instructions to follow—just be *honest* in all our dealings with all people; to show *mercy* and be compassionate toward everyone; and to allow God to completely remove all pride of heart so we can “walk *humbly* with Him” which means never bringing attention to ourselves.

8 Each *read* of the Bible should be a *learning* session. God *gives* us His Truth; His Son *shows* the way and *pays* our sin-debt; and the Holy Spirit *guides* us each day to live the *life* Jesus explained in the Gospels.

9 The apostle was giving the Gospel but not everyone accepted it AV Acts 17:18 “*What will this babbler say? He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.”*

10 The apostle was telling in the public square of the most important issue facing everyone today—the *sacrifice* Jesus made and His *resurrection* to life.

11 But instead of looking into something that would make a huge *difference* in their life—they scoffed and made light of it.

12 The resurrection of Christ sets Christianity apart from every other religion. AV 1 Corinthians 15:14 “*If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.*” Every sermon ever preached would be of no value if the resurrection of Christ did not happen.

13 But Jesus *did* die in our place and if anyone will believe that, and trust in that Atonement sacrifice made specifically for them, they will have a living hope of living forever in Heaven.

14 The Athenians asked AV Acts 17:19 “*May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?*” **20** *Thou bringest certain strange*

things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.”

15 Sin is not *strange* to most—we *know* when we have sinned. Our conscience tells us when we break the Commandments.

16 No one should be caught by surprise on Judgment Day; and nothing will catch *God* by surprise on that day either!

17 AV Hebrews 4:13 “*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do [give account NKJV].*”

18 The apostle continued AV Acts 17:22 “*Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.”*

19 God must be a *known* because everyone stands before Him on Judgment Day. He created *everything* and gave life to *everyone*—that truth must be the *basis* of our life of faith.

20 The world says there is no God and that humans have evolved—which is *not* true and would *destroy* anyone who accepts that lie.

21 The God we worship AV Acts 17:26 “*Hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.*”

22 He gives us *life*, and *breath*, and all *things*—which is why we praise Him.

23 We are all of *one blood*, the human race, so there should *never* be a *hint* of racism.

24 NIV Acts 17:27 “*God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.*”

25 Seeing into the future, the apostle saw AV Revelation 7:9 “*A great multitude, which no man*

could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.”

26 What an amazing sight—a huge number of people from every nation and language and culture! We were *created* to worship God—and if we do *not* worship Him, we *will* worship someone or something else.

27 Every four years, athletes chase after medals. These Olympic athletes spend their entire lifetime trying to get one of these coveted prizes.

28 But all such medals will be left to gather dust, and **then what?** God may have overlooked our wrong choices of the past NIV Acts 17:30 “*But now he commands all people everywhere to repent.*”

29 Christianity is not an: *accept it or not* option—but is a very *serious* matter, and we will *live* it seriously if we realize the time today and understand the *gravity* of eternity.

30 AV Acts 17:31 “*Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained.*”

31 The apostle goes on “*whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead*”—emphasizing how important the resurrection of Jesus is—who *rose* from the dead, so we could *rise* to a **new life of trust** on God.

32 Some think those who have passed on, no longer live—but everyone who has left this life is either **alive and well**; or **alive in Hell**.

33 AV Daniel 12:2 “*Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*”

34 Far too many mock the Truth of God’s Word and the idea of Jesus being raised to life, but *no one* will mock God.

35 AV Acts 17:32 “*When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.*”

36 AV Galatians 6:7 “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked*”—what you plant you will harvest!

37 We live in a dangerous world today—there are lies, wickedness, and false teaching everywhere.

38 If we do not live God’s *Truth* in this culture; if we do not walk a right *path* and set a right *example* for others; if we do not *make a difference* in some life by *our* life of faith, we will regret it for an eternity.

39 The *source* of God’s *Truth* has always been His *Word*. Every reading of Scripture is to be *cherished* and *valued* above any other *time* spent on any other *interest*.

40 God has *taken* the time to write down a plan so we would *escape* the horrors that will come on a rebellious world.

41 If He has taken the time to write that **for us**, we should take the time to read it **for Him**, and with His help live by those words.

42 AV 2 Timothy 3:16 “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*”

43 These Words live *with* us and stay *within* us to *guide* us on the *road to eternity*.

44 The Bible is the only Book that tells us the future with absolute certainty; it is the only Book that answers the questions: *Where* did we come from; *Why* are we here; and *Where* are we going!

45 *Without* the Bible we cannot **succeed**, but *with* it we cannot **fail**!

46 The apostle Paul told his helper—AV 2 Timothy 3:14 “*Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*

47 15 *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*”

48 A Bible on a shelf collecting dust does no one any good, but a well-worn Bible that is read, studied, and obeyed is the kind that saves the soul.

49 The Word is within us to *instruct* us; *guide* us; *correct* us; *encourage* us; and *change* our attitude—then we are *promised* eternal life.

50 *Knowing the time* and wanting to *make a difference* in our world—we have to read, heed, and take to heart these inspired words.

51 AV Revelation 1:3 “*Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*”

52 Time is running out—if we are to **make a difference**, we first have to **make a change** in *our* attitude—asking God to give us His Spirit so we can influence those around us in a positive way.

53 AV Romans 13:11 “*And knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*”



1. **We know the Time**
2. **We can make a difference**
3. **Doing Justly**
4. **Loving Mercy**
5. **Walking humbly**

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