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**BETTER** (Week 3 of 12)**Ecclesiastes 3***"...who can say how one's days can best be spent?"*

Ecclesiastes 6:12 TLB

1. Accept the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ times of life.

*There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven (v. 1).***Positive**

Be born

Plant

Heal

Build

Laugh

Dance

Gather

Embrace

Search

Keep

Mend

Speak

Love

Peace

**Negative**

Die

Uproot

Kill

Tear down

Weep

Mourn

Scatter stones

Refrain

Give up

Throw away

Tear

Be silent

Hate

War

*Everything is appropriate in its own time (v. 11).*

2. Trust God in the \_\_\_\_\_ times.

*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 (v. 11).*

3. Utilize your time to do \_\_\_\_\_.

*There is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live (v. 12).*

4. Value all your time as a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

*And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God. And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God's purpose is that people should fear him (vv. 13-14).*

5. Be prepared to give an \_\_\_\_\_ of your time.

*...God will call the past to account (v. 15).**God will be the judge of the good and the bad; because a time for every purpose and for every work has been fixed by him (v. 17).**I also noticed that under the sun there is evil in the courtroom. Yes, even the courts of law are corrupt! I said to myself, "In due season God will judge everyone, both good and bad, for all their deeds."**I also thought about the human condition—how God proves to people that they are like animals. For people and animals share the same fate—both breathe and both must die. So people have no real advantage over the animals. How meaningless! Both go to the same place—they came from dust and they return to dust. For who can prove that the human spirit goes up and the spirit of animals goes down into the earth? So I saw that there is nothing better for people than to be happy in their work. That is our lot in life. And no one can bring us back to see what happens after we die (vv. 16-22).*

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