

A Time For Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

1. **GOD HAS A _____ FOR EVERYTHING.**

Ecc 3:1 *ESV* *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*

2. **GOD HAS A BEAUTIFUL TIMELINE _____!**

Ecc 3:11a *He has made everything beautiful in its time.*

Galatians 4:4a *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son...*

Jn 7:30 *They sought to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.*

Romans 5:6 *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

3. **YET, NO ONE CAN _____ GOD'S WAYS.**

Ecc 3:11b *NLT* *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.*

"We are like the desperately nearsighted, inching their way along some great tapestry or fresco in the attempt to take it in. We see enough to recognize something of its quality, but the grand design escapes us, for we can never stand back far enough to view it as its Creator does, whole and entire, from the beginning to the end." —Derek Kidner

Application #1 FIND HAPPINESS BY DOING GOOD! _____ FROM GOD.

Ecclesiastes 3:12–13 *I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat, and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.*

Application #2 FIND COMFORT: GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU _____!

Ecc 3:14 *I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.*

*"Far from feeling cramped by His control of our lives, we have the freedom to live today and to wait for tomorrow knowing that God's agenda is always what is best for us."
—David A. Hubbard*

Our times are in Thy hand; O God, we wish them there.

Our life, our friends, our souls we leave, entirely to Thy care.

Our times are in Thy hand; why should we doubt or fear?

A Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear. --Charles Bridges