

Luke 10:39 KJV "She had a sister named Mary which also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word."

NEWSLETTER: "MOMENTS WITH MARY"

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"IT'S ABOUT TIME!"

Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

TIME! We talk about it constantly! Our lives are divided into segments of time! The Bible has much to say about time and is referred to with many different expressions. The dictionary defines time as a "space" or "duration" covering a particular time. Such as a specific period marked by Nature's Seasons. It is years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, and seconds that help us identify events occurring at specific times. Dates record important events in history that are important for a variety of reasons. We should all be concerned about proper management of our time!

Time involves our past, present and future. Sometimes it is easier for us to dwell in the past or the future than to deal with the issues at hand! We need to understand the only thing we can change about the past is the way we feel about it. If we are clinging to memories that make us angry, fearful or sad, it drains the energy we need to face today! God can help us forgive anything in our past that holds us in bondage today! When we keep reliving the past, we fail to see all the wonderful things God has for us today!

Phil.3:13b "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before me."

Please note! Forgiving is not actually forgetting all the bad things that happen in our lives. It is allowing God to remove the pains and bitterness that hold so many in bondage to their past. When we can recall the events without reliving the pain, we realize that God has given us peace and the place that memory holds in our minds, keeps diminishing over time! That is God's power of forgiveness in our lives!

We have many good memories that we can draw from the treasuries of our minds. We also have opportunity to learn lessons from some of the bad experiences we may have had that help us avoid making the same mistakes over and over!

There are many different expressions we hear that contain a mini-message when we think about time: "You are wasting my time!" "Time waits for no man!" "I don't have time right now!" "I'm just biding my time" "Time heals a broken heart" "It is the right/wrong time!" "It's the perfect time!" "It's about time!"

Eph.5:15-17 Amplified “Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise- sensible, intelligent people; Making the most of time- buying up each opportunity- because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the LORD is.”

What are your priorities in life? The Bible tells us to watch for and take advantage of every opportunity and use it wisely. We really do only have one day at a time, so make the most of it! Psalm 89:47a “Remember how short my time is.”

It is a great thing to make plans for the future! We all need goals and something to look forward to! The problem arises when we daydream so much about what we will do “some day” we fail to see what needs to be done today! We need self control in order to live a properly balanced life.

Ecclesiastes 3:17b NIV “There will be a time for every activity, and for every deed.” When we should do something important and we do not do it, we need to take a fresh look at how we are using our time. Eccl.3:11 “He hath made every thing beautiful in His time.” God’s timing is perfect! What He designs is beautiful! Do we sometimes lag behind Him or run ahead of His plans? Wait on His timing and act when He says to do something!

Psalm 37:7-9 “Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him: fret not thyself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself in any wise to do evil. For evil doers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.”

When we worry ourselves over the actions of others, we waste time! We do not control their motives or actions. Only God can change them! We need to shake off any anger or wrath of our past, look forward to the bright hope of tomorrow while we live each day to its’ fullest in the present time! We can only do that when we commit our ways to the Lord, trust Him and He will bring it to pass. (Ps.37:5)

What do we need to “lay to rest?” Have we made proper provisions and goals for our future? Are we using today wisely? If we are at peace with God, we will enjoy this New Year. It’s about time! Have you examined how you use time lately?

ENJOY GOD’S BLESSINGS IN THIS NEW YEAR!

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In Christ’s love and service, Mary Mayko