

# Faithful Stewardship of Time (Part 1)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Birth – 20 years old

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Characteristics:

growing up; learning; exploring

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: 21-40 years old

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Characteristics:

finding your place; your mate;  
having children; maturing

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: 41-60 years old

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Characteristics:

established; focused; empty nest;  
grandchildren; aging parents

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: 61 – 80 years old



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Characteristics:

closing out a career; launching a second career; adjusting to a slower paced lifestyle; declining health; realizing your mortality

Overtime: 81 years old and up

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Characteristics:

winding down; struggling to stay active; increasing loneliness; decreasing independence; ongoing health problems; facing death

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*v.2 - a time to be born, and a time to die*

*v.3 – a time to kill and a time to heal.*

*v.8 – a time to love and time to hate.*

*v.8 – a time for war and a time for peace.*

*v.3 – a time to break down, and a time to build up.*

*v.5 – a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.*

*v.7 – a time to keep silent and a time to speak.*

II. Now is the time to take an interest in the spiritual condition of the people we already have relationships with.



“It’s not an elaborate or complicated idea,  
but this simple idea led to our most  
evangelistically effective year to date. . . .  
What an incredible joy it was to have  
people come up to me at church and say,  
‘Pastor, this is my one.’”

- J. D. Greear

*For everything there is a season, and a time  
for every matter under heaven.*

*For he says,*

*“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped  
you.”*

*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold,  
now is the day of salvation.*

- 2 Corinthians 6:2