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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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Time

Benjamin Franklin, the statesman, once asked: "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." "Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you." Carl Sandburg (1878 - 1967). "Time = Life, Therefore, waste your time and waste your life, or master you time and master your life." Alan Lakein

With each movement of the hands on our watch we are reminded just how precious time truly is, and how quickly it passes. "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14).

Are you using your time wisely? That certainly is a biblical thought, for Paul admonishes: "Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16, ASV).

To "redeem the time" literally means, "to buy it back." No, unfortunately life does not come with a rewind button. The thought conveyed is that opportunities can pass us by, and once they do they are gone forever. V.E. Howard once said it so well, "Buy while the buying is good."

You have probably seen some of the postings about how many years of your life do you spend sleeping, eating, working, recreating, driving, walking etc. By the time you do some of the math, it is alarming to see how little of life is "left".

Ben Hecht gave the colloquial comment, "Time is a circus, always packing up and moving away." It sure seems that way. Granted, we all have 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, 168 hours in a week, 8,736 hours in a year, etc. But all of it seems to pass so quickly.

There are times when Scripture seems to cut deep. The reality is troubling. For instance, the words of the Psalmist, "The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psa. 90:10).

One can chuckle at the conversation between Tom Seaver and Yogi Berra as we are reminded at the swiftness of time. Tom asked, "Yogi, what time is it." Yogi replied, "You mean now?"