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Borrowed Time

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Borrowed time refers to the time given by the Lord to us. Every waking hour is a blessing from God for He extends our time in order to pursue the plans He set out for us. Additionally, He wants us to bear fruit, and patiently waits for our response (Lk. 13:6-9). Nevertheless, we must be grateful, though life has ups and downs, and use our time well to produce good fruits acceptable to the Lord.

- 1. Our time is important.** Our time is limited and it is only set for 24 hours and 7 days in a week. Some people failed to realize that life is short and fleeting. As Christians, we have known that life is on a borrowed time from the Lord, and time will come when He will take our life from us. Hence, we should not procrastinate, and use the gift of time to live up to our potential.
- 2. God is merciful & compassionate.** Most of us have sinned to God, and our time is wasted on worldly things. Our world is reserved for judgement in the appointed time by God (2Pet. 3:7); however, the Lord is patient with us for repentance; He wants all of us not to perish (2Pet. 3:9).
- 3. Don't delay your conversion to Jesus Christ.** Most of us have lived as if there are plenty of time for us to meet or reconcile with Christ. We focus on other things and plan ahead, yet we forget our life and time are owned by God (Jam. 4:15).
- 4. What is the wisest use of our time?**
 - 4.1. Belief and trust in Jesus Christ (Jn. 6:28-29).
 - 4.2. Pray and communion with God.
 - 4.3. Working for God (Mt. 25:14-30). The scripture provides different crowns to faithful workers:
 - 4.3.1. Incorruptible crown (1 Cor. 9:25)
 - 4.3.2. Crown of righteousness (2Tim. 4:8)
 - 4.3.3. Crown of life (Jam. 1:12)
 - 4.3.4. Crown of rejoicing (1Thess. 2:19)
 - 4.3.5. Crown of glory (1Pet. 5:4)

- 5. Stories or parables which shared lessons on the importance of time.** The prodigal son (Lk. 15:11-13), Samson and Delilah, the rich farmer (Lk. 12:16-19), and the Parable of the Fig Tree (Lk. 13:6) are the stories of wasted youth, energy, wealth, and most of all, the time God had given to them.

Conclusion:

Time waits for no one; therefore, we have to choose the better option- spending more time with Him. We might be sitting and pondering treasures that won't last and cannot be carried into heaven. It is at the foot of Christ where our life will begin to grow and bear good fruit. God waits patiently for us for He is patient and faithful, so let us respond with gratefulness and promptness to his call to communion with Him.

Reflection:

1. What percentage of time do you spent for God?
2. What are the reasons why some of God's call are left unanswered?
3. What are your ways of serving the Lord?

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