

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ² A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. ³ A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. ⁴ A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. ⁵ A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. ⁶ A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. ⁷ A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. ⁸ A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace. ⁹ What do people really get for all their hard work? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. ¹¹ Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. 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. ¹² So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can."

Ecclesiastes 3:1–12 (NLT)

¹⁵"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit..."

Ephesians 5:15–18 (NLT)

Make the most of every opportunity... not the least!

⁴"A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance."

Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NLT)

Don't check out... check in! Prayerfully look for ways to connect, reduce tension, and offer hope... then step in as God's partner!

²⁵"Worry weighs us down; a cheerful word picks us up."

Proverbs 12:25 (MSG)

²⁹"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

¹⁰"Whatever you do, do well. For when you go to the grave, there will be no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom."

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NLT)

TAKE HOME SHEET



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In the Old Testament book Ecclesiastes, we get an honest picture of real life. It is a mixture of fun and enjoyable along with tough and painful. In all of it, though, a genuine and humble relationship with God will show us how to navigate, to our benefit and for the benefit of all the people around us.

As you think about the rest of the summer, let the following verses guide you:

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This summer, what are some of the opportunities you see where God could use you to bring hope, joy, laughter, and fun?

If you are around people who are negative and constantly find fault with others, how could you be different?

What are some things you will be involved in where you can not only have fun but invite and include others to join in too?

Take a moment to think about a specific upcoming activity or event, and ask God to help you see how He wants to use you to benefit those around you.