



Sermon Series: Stewardship
Sermon Title: Stewardship of Time: Embrace Each Season
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
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INTRODUCTION

Stewardship Emphasis: Stewardship of Time... Testimony... Trouble... Treasure.

Psalm 90:12; Psalm 90:1-4; Ecclesiastes 3:11a -

I. EMBRACING EACH NEW SEASON

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - With God, there is true purpose and meaning in every season of life.

Note: You can't determine how long your life will be, but you can determine how _____ it will be lived.

Ecclesiastes 3:2a - You've been physically born, and one day you'll physically die.

Ecclesiastes 7:2 -

Ecclesiastes 3:2b - Life is full of seasons, full of both beginnings and endings.

Ecclesiastes 3:3 - Life is full of peaks and valleys, sickness and health, pain and growth.

Psalm 119:67, 71 -

Ecclesiastes 3:4 - It is necessary, good, and appropriate to have days of tears and of joy.

Psalm 30:5b -

Ecclesiastes 3:5 - Whether in personal relationships or in business, change is unavoidable.

Ecclesiastes 3:6a - There's a time to explore options and a time to accept reality.

Ecclesiastes 7:10 -

Ecclesiastes 3:6b - Hoarding is not good; don't let your heart be married to stuff.

Ecclesiastes 3:7a - There is a time to show your sadness and a time to move on with life.

Ecclesiastes 3:7b - There is a time to wax eloquent and a time to "put a sock in it".

Isaiah 6:5; Proverbs 10:19 -

Ecclesiastes 3:8a - There are things we should love and things we should hate.

Ecclesiastes 3:8b - Because of sin, war is necessary, and peace will ultimately prevail.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 -

Ecclesiastes 3:9-10 - After verses 1-8, Solomon asks: "What's the point of all this again?"

Ecclesiastes 3:11 - The only answer, the only hope for time and eternity is found in God!

Conclusion: For the follower of Christ, it is always true that our best days are _____ of us!

1 Corinthians 13:12 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How would you describe your current "season" or "time" of life?
2. In what seasons of life have you struggled to be content, to find joy?
3. What is one thing that you are especially thankful for in your current season of life?
4. What are some practical ways we can maintain a godly perspective on the precious and limited time that God has entrusted to us?
5. Is there anything that surprises you about what Solomon writes in verses 1-11?
6. Why is it true that for followers of Christ, our best days are always ahead of us?