

# NORTH HILLS NOTES

## GET REAL! – DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

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*The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.* Ecclesiastes 9:11 (NIV)

What is time? A duration in which things happen.

### LIFE – MEASURED ACCORDING TO ITS EVENTS

*There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth.* Ecclesiastes 3:1 (Message)

LIFE CONTRASTS: Solomon's "cross-section" of life  
(7 of his 14 in Ecclesiastes 9:2-8):

- a time to **GIVE BIRTH** and a time to **DIE**.
- a time to **PLANT** and a time to **UPROOT**.
- a time to **WEEP** and a time to **LAUGH**.
- a time to **SEARCH** and a time to **GIVE UP AS LOST**.
- a time to **BE SILENT** and a time to **SPEAK**.
- a time to **LOVE** and a time to **HATE**.
- a time for **WAR** and a time for **PEACE**.

### TWO QUESTIONS FROM ONE:

*"What do people really get from all their hard work?"* Ecclesiastes 3:9 (NLT)

1. What's the **PROFIT**?
2. What's the **PURPOSE**?

### SOLOMON'S SURPRISING CONCLUSIONS:

- God's timing brings **BEAUTY AND MEANING** to life.  
*"He has made everything appropriate in its time."* Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NAS)
- God has given human beings **CURIOSITY ABOUT THE FUTURE**.  
*"He has also set eternity in the hearts of men..."* Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

*"To all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God."*

John 1:12,13 (NLT)