

THE ACCEPTABLE TIME. 2 Cor. 6:2

John 9:4

INTRODUCTION: All of our lives we have been the slaves of time. It is the most solemn metaphor we know, when we speak of half of mankind as crucified upon a clock. Cast your mind back to childhood and recall how you were haunted by TIME. Perhaps the most disturbing remarks you heard about time were: *It is time for: School; Homework*
music practice.

"It's time to go to bed." *works*

"It's time to get up." You were so contradictory about this matter:

"You never wanted to go to bed."

"You never wanted to get up."

SOME OF YOU CLOCK IN AT YOUR WORK: How do you feel when you feed your card in to the time machine and pull the knob?:

1. There that clock stand with a sort of a smug, conceited face.
2. It has no bowels of mercy, no pity, no compassion.
3. It just tells one story: THE TIME YOU CLOCKED IN.
 - 1.) It offers no excuse for your absence yesterday, or, why you punched its face late this morning.
 2. It cannot record that it was a bit rainy, the bus was crowded this morning, or, that you were especially tired this morning having been out too late the night before. It JUST SCREAMS OUT: You are late 10 whole minutes and I am going to tell on you. Wouldn't you like to pop it one?

I WOULD LIKE TO IMPRESS ON YOU THIS MORNING THREE SIMPLE TRUTHS ABOUT TIME: *No clock or calendar in Heaven*

1. THE PAST IS NOT DEAD: *Eternity is timelessness*
 1. Yesterday is not dead. It is very much alive...making today and shaping tomorrow.
 - (1) Look at the yesterdays, todays, tomorrows in the face of the drinker.
 - (2) Look at the yeasterdays, todays, tomorrows in the face of the saint of God. How did he get such?
2. THE FUTURE IS NOT OUES.
 1. We say, "You have your future before you," especially to the young. CAN YOU BE SURE OF IT? We are so full of plans for the future: SUDDEN COLLAPSE COMES.
3. NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME: 1 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 3:7, 13.
 1. Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation 2 Cor. 6:2. TROUBLE IS: When God says "Today," we say, "Tomorrow." No probationary period; 3 Months ETC.

