A Time To Grow

Ken Chapman · 1 Peter 2:1–3

INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you this morning about time, not in the general sense, but to encourage you to think that now is a time for action.
- To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.
- Now may be above any other time in our life, that now is a time to grow.

1 Spurn Certain Things

1 Peter 2:1; Colossians 3:5–9

- Laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking.
- The first step in spiritual growth, is first something that we are to put away.
- Paul says, put to death your members which are on the earth.
- The New Testament has a word for that, doesn't it? Repentance. Repentance is that concept of we once did that, but now we do not.
- No growth will ever be accomplished until we begin to put off the old man.
- That's not just something that we did once when we became a Christian. That's something that we do every day of our lives.

2 Yearn: Desire the Pure Milk of the Word

1 Peter 2:2

- As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby. We are to yearn.
- No real substantial growth ever takes place without a desire.
- The greater the growth to be accomplished has to be preceded by the greater the desire, the deeper the yearning.
- Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness.
- Put off, spurn the life of sin, and develop this deep, innate yearning for God in His Word.
- Our Christianity is not a component, not a part of our lives, is not a day of our lives. It is all of who we are.

3 Learn That Word

1 Peter 2:2–3

- If we desire that word, that we are to learn that word. That's how you grow.
- Yearn for this word and learn of this word, because in this word you find God.
- It's a mirror who reveals who we really are. It can expose us.
- This mirror will show you who you can be.
- Don't just read through them, but to say, what does this text say? What is God saying to me in this text?

THE CHALLENGE

Will you make that decision to recognize that this year and the pause that has been this year has created for us a time to grow. A time to put off the old man as we spurn the sinful way.

MY NOTES