Recognizing The Times

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INTRODUCTION

- For we are his workmanship. Created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- It's teamwork. They have to work together in order to be able to win or be successful.
- But the true success is the individual or the team that, in spite of what has occurred, they come in or they finish.

1 Working Together With God

2 Corinthians 6:1–2

- And working together with him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
- In order for us to grow together properly, we must work together with God.
- God did His part in sending His Son Jesus to die for us.
- This idea of working together with God implies fellowship. It implies partnership.
- God is going to be with us just like a coach is with his team, encouraging him, and letting them know what they've done wrong, how they can improve.

2 The Time They Need to Recognize

- They think that everything is well, but when it's really not, they haven't established a relationship with God.
- If they don't recognize it, they will continue to be in the zombie state, even though they may be having fun.
- At the end of it all, in the idea of finishing, it's to be with God.
- There are some who want to change, but don't know how.

3 They Understood the Times

1 Chronicles 12:32; Ephesians 5:13–17

- It's not until you get over to the Chronicles that you learn that Manasseh made a change in his life.
- What the men of Issachar realize is that they understood the times. With knowledge of what Israel should do.
- We need to walk as wise, redeeming the time. The days are evil. That we need to know what the will of God is.
- And as we apply it in our lives, we're working with God.

4 We've Got to Recognize the Now

Acts 24:25; Acts 22:16; Matthew 9:35–38

- One of the aspects of recognizing time is this. We've got to recognize the now.
- Time is the past and future connected by the now.
- Felix became frightened and said, Go away for the present.
- Now why do you delay? Arise and be baptized, washing away your sins.
- The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
- If I work with God, I'm going to grow spiritually. That's a guarantee.

5 Now Is the Day of Salvation

2 Corinthians 6:2

- The now is the acceptance of God's reconciliation.
- Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation.
- So working together with God is the recognizing of time, and that time is the now.
- That message is a message of hope that's given and guaranteed for all of those who would be in the now with God.

MY NOTES