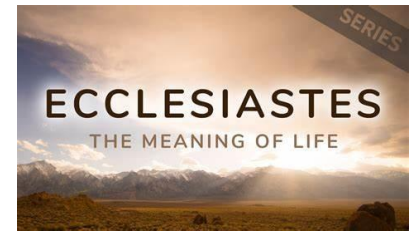


Questions Through Ecclesiastes

Lesson 8: What does it mean that there is a time to search and a time to give up?

Ecclesiastes 3:6a



- * This couplet seems to address the times and seasons of life that are beyond our _____.
- * There is a time to give up _____ and be _____ despite our losses (1 Tim. 6:6; Heb. 13:5). The apostle Paul told the Philippians (Phil. 3:7, 4:11-13).
- * When we consider “a time to search and a time to give up,” as it relates to our material _____ and the things we try to hold onto in this life, we can’t help but think of Jesus’ challenge in (Matt. 10:39).
- * The faithful follower of Christ will give up His search for anything and everything that might _____ him from his real treasure (Matt. 6:19–21). Like Paul said in (Phil. 3:8). In “giving up” our _____ search, we find our true worth and purpose; we gain everlasting joy and eternal reward (Isa. 35:10).
- * In (Luke 15), Jesus presents the parables of the Lost _____ (Matt. 18:12–14), the Lost _____, and the Lost _____, revealing the relentless love in God’s heart and His steadfast mission to seek and save lost souls.
- * Yet the sobering truth is, there are times when even _____ must give up His search. When Judah stubbornly persisted in idolatry, the Lord told Jeremiah, (Jer. 7:16, 11:14).
- * “*A time to search and a time to give up*” reminds us that some things in life are within our _____ while others are _____.
- * Indeed there are times in life to _____, but there are also times when we must _____ . We must remember to hold everything in this life loosely.