



Series: Hard Truths | Big Help

INTRODUCTION

A young person looks at life often as a limitless thing – the end being so far away. When you are older, it seems that life has sped up, and what is behind is increasingly quickly fading.

When was the last time you thought, “Where did the time go?”

Have you ever said, “I thought I would have more time than this?”

This week's hard truth is one most people do not accept until it is too late:

You will never get more time – only fewer opportunities to use it well.

1. THE TESTIMONY OF MOSES

Psalm 90:10 – “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is there strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away:”

Psalm 90:12 – “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

Context:

- ✓ This was written near the end of Moses' life.
- ✓ He had seen an entire generation die in the wilderness; he had buried many people.
- ✓ He had no doubt lived with regret over one moment of disobedience (*Num 20; Deut 34*).

Key Truth

- ✓ Moses did not ask for more time. He asked for wisdom to use the time _____ well.

2. THE BIBLE AND TIME

Prov 27:1 – “Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”

James 4:14 – “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow... It is even a vapour...”

Ephesians 5:16 – “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Truth:

- ✓ The Bible never treats time _____.
 - No promises of “later”
 - No guarantee of “another chance”
 - No assurance of “when things slow down”

Hard Truth

*Time is not neutral.
Delay is not neutral
– it is a decision.*

3. WHY YOUNG PEOPLE UNDERTAKE TIME

Three illusions of youth:

- The *illusion* of _____ – “I have time to get serious later.”
- The *illusion* of _____ – “I will serve God more fully when life settles.”
- The *illusion* of _____ – “I can always change later.”

2 Corinth 6:2 – “... behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation.”

Truth: Later is one of the most expensive words in the English language.

4. OT EXAMPLE: Esau – a man who misspent a moment of time.

Hebrews 12:17 – “For ye know how that afterward,
when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected...”

The Tragedy:

- ✓ Esau valued his selfish appetite over inheritance; he traded permanence for immediacy.
- ✓ He thought consequences could be reversed.

Hard Truth: Some opportunities expire permanently. This is not about forgiveness, it is about lost privileges.

5. THE OLDER GENERATION

Listen to their Testimonies:

- ✓ “I wasted years chasing things that did not matter.”
- ✓ “I delayed obedience thinking I would do it later.”
- ✓ “I invested time in the wrong people and priorities.”
- ✓ YOUR TESTIMONY:

Ecclesiastes 2:4, 11
I made me great
works... and behold,
all was vanity...

6. PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

- ✓ Treat time as a **stewardship**, not as a resource. **1 Corinthians 4:2**
- ✓ Build your life around **priorities**, not pressure. **Matthew 6:33**
- ✓ Invest in what **outlives you** – eternal things. **Matthew 6:20**
- ✓ Do not confuse **busyness** with progress. **1 Timothy 4:16**
- ✓ Decide early what you will not waste time on. **1 Corinthians 6:12**

John 9:4
I must work the work
of him that sent me,
while it is day: the
night cometh, when
no man can work.

To the younger generation:

Time will not wait for you to feel ready. Use it wisely, or it will use you up.

To the older generation:

Your testimony is proof that this warning is God's way of speaking truth in love.