

Seasons Of Ministry

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

1. *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*
2. *A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;*
3. *A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*
4. *A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*
5. *A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*
6. *A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*
7. *A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*
8. *A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN CHRIST [55-0116A]

...each one has got a ministry. Even to the housewife has a ministry...

THE UNVEILING OF GOD [64-0614M]

Like I changed from husband, when my child is born, then I'm father. When my grandchild is born, I'm grandfather. See? But, I don't change; that's still--still me. See? (And that's God.) It's just I changed my... See, it's just change your form. See?

Notice. And nature changes it down from a young man to a middle-aged, to an old man. And there you are, you see, you just change your form.

Now, you couldn't say a little fellow standing up here, sixteen years old, say he was grandfather. He couldn't be. His form has to be changed. A few years changes it, then he becomes grandpa. See what I mean?

But it's the same Person all the time, the same Person, God all the time.

JOHN 6:8-9

8. *One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,*
9. *There is **a [lad]** here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?*

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paidarion {pahee-dar'-ee-on}

1) little boy

I SAMUEL 17:33

33. *And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for **thou art but a youth**, and he a man of war from his youth.*

TESTED FAITH PRODUCES GOODS [58-0518]

...the Bible said he was ruddy, just a little old boy **about seventeen, eighteen years old**...

THE REPROACH FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORD [62-1223]

And, Mary, on her road to the well. The little virgin, **about seventeen years old, eighteen**...

I TIMOTHY 4:12

12. ***Let no man despise thy youth**; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

LUKE 2:42

42. *And when he was **twelve years old**, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.*

LUKE 3:22-33a

22. *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.*

33a. *And Jesus himself began to be about **thirty years of age**,*

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE [63-1118]

But God sometimes train men for years, to get a few days of service out of him. John the Baptist was **thirty years**, by himself, in the wilderness, for **six months of service**. Jesus Christ was **thirty years** old, for **three years of service**, for the crucifixion. God trains men, brings them up. It's His purpose. Time is with man. Eternity is with God.

MODERN EVENTS ARE MADE CLEAR BY PROPHECY [65-1206]

He shocked that generation in them six months of his ministry. God raised him for thirty years, to get that six months out of him. But God does His Own way, He knows what His harvest is.

GENESIS 7:6

6. *And Noah was **six hundred years old** when the flood of waters was upon the earth.*

GENESIS 12:4

4. *So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was **seventy and five years old** when he departed out of Haran.*

WHY CRY? SPEAK! [59-1004E]

Now, Moses, being called for this purpose... But he was a man; God trained him **eighty years** before He ever was able to use him: forty years in the palace and forty years in the wilderness. God can train a man, take Him a hundred years for thirty minutes work. God knows how to train. What the schools had put in Moses forty years, it taken forty years to get it out.

JOHN 9:4

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

EPHESIANS 5:16

16. ***Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.*

COLOSSIANS 4:5-6

5. *Walk in wisdom toward **them that are without**, **redeeming the time**.*

6. *Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*

HEBREWS 3:12-13

12. *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

13. *But exhort one another daily, **while it is called To day**; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*