

The MK Connection

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A Time For Everything

A word from the Director, Perry Bradford

I was reading this morning from the Old Testament and in Ecclesiastes 3 you find the passage that refers to the fact that there is a place and time for everything that comes our way in life. I was once again struck by how appropriate

this passage is for today. This passage does not leave anything out, as it relates to our time.

I was visiting some MKs in the Minneapolis area recently and as I talked with one freshman, she mentioned how much time she now has on her hands versus what she had in high school. She is not the only college freshman that has used these words. Often when starting college the fact that schedules are different than high school gives the appearance that we have more time that we used to...but the fact remains that we each have 24 hours a day...no more or no less. The time that God gives us each day

is to be used wisely. James 4 talks about this. Time is also uncertain...that is...we never know when we might run out of time...Proverbs 27:1 talks about this. Time is also important...it is one of the high values of our culture. Time is also passing! I often hear these words, "My how time flies!", and that is true. Believe it or not...none of us are getting any younger.

So why all the talk about time...I'd like to encourage each of you to consider the time that you have and make the most of it.

Recognize that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. God entrusts each of us with 24 hours each day...He calls us to use our time in a way that is pleasing to Him...yet He leaves the choice up to us. He doesn't control our time...He

gives it to us to manage. I know your time is valuable...but take a look at Ecclesiastes chapter 3 and think about how you are spending your time. Take the time to reevaluate your time usage and ask the Lord how you might use it for His honor and His glory!

*"A time to search
and a time to
give up..."*

16th Annual Snow Camp - January 17 - 19

If you live anywhere near Michigan, you need to consider attending the annual MK Snow Camp, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Elkhart, Indiana. The Snow Camp will once again be held at Blair Bible Camp, the weekend of January 17-19.

attend...for the purpose of connecting with friends but also for a chance to meet other MKs from around the country.

The cost of the weekend is only \$45.00 and if you plan to attend you need to register with the First Baptist Church. You can contact them at (574) 295-4475.

MKs from across the midwest will

When God Seems Far Away

Key questions to ask yourself...

What are the things you believe to be true?

What are the positive things in your life?

Who are the three wisest people you know who can provide godly perspective on your questions?

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by questions that seem to have no answer: "Why do some small children get cancer?" "How can I prove to my friends that God is real?" "Why do we have war?" "Why doesn't God do something about the starving people in Africa?" or "What about the homeless?" The list could go on and on.

There have been times in my life when I've felt very close to God. But to be honest, there have also been times when I've felt distant. Reminds me of the bumper sticker that says, "If you feel far from God, guess who moved?"

The reason most people try to keep God at a distance is the fear that if they get too close, He might ask them to stop doing something they don't want to stop. However, being close to God reduces anxiety, insecurity, and fear. It is wise to make a habit of staying as close to God as you possibly can.

Many things in Scripture are very clear. Don't kill. Don't steal. Don't take God's name in vain. These commandments, along with other principles and promises

are spelled out specifically. When God seems far away, focus on the things you know are absolutely clear in the Bible that apply to your life.

Many things in life will never be clearly understood. That's why it's so important to first define the things we have, the things we know, and the things we believe. Then we develop a better perspective on answers we don't have yet as well as confidence that those answers

will come clearer over time.

The Bible doesn't promise that all our questions will be answered in this life. "Now we see through a glass, dimly; but then face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12) When difficult questions start overwhelming you, recall some of God's promises and allow them to comfort and assure you. Begin putting together a list of the things you know are true so you don't lose track of what you do believe.

Remember we won't have answers to some things until we get to heaven. In the meantime, never lose sight of the sure and certain things that make living such a wonderful privilege.

"A Principle to Live By"

What some MKs say about "RELATIONSHIPS"

- ◆ Seek out other MKs for support; keep your MK relationships via telephone or email.
- ◆ Find a friend you can trust (and ask stupid questions of). Don't be afraid to ask questions. Adopt someone who can be a stabilizing influence. If you have personal problems, talk to someone you can trust.
- ◆ Get involved with a small group...find good people you can confide in (a support group)...find a good church.
- ◆ Don't expect people to be interested in your "jungle" stories...talk about yourself and your background only when it is appropriate.