

NOW IS THE TIME!

Ephesians 5:15-17

As we prepare for 2009, let us remember:

1. Our time on earth is _____.

Psalm 39:4, "LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered-- how fleeting my life is." (NLT)

Psalm 90:10, "The length of our days is seventy years-- or eighty, if we have the strength ... they quickly pass, and we fly away." (NIV)

Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (NIV)

2. Make the _____ of _____ opportunity.

Luke 10:41-42, "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (NIV)

3. Understand what the _____ is.

Matthew 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (NIV)

Philippians 3:8, "What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things." (NIV)

In Philippians 3, Paul had a three-fold plan:

1. He was _____ regarding his _____.
(vs. 12-13a)

2. He was _____ regarding his _____.
(vs. 13b)

3. He was _____ regarding his _____.
(vs. 13c-14)

Romans 13:11-12, "And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." (NIV)