## **Time**

"A time for every purpose under heaven", Ecclesiastes Ch 3 v1.

Whoever we are and wherever we live, all mankind has the same amount of time day by day. Of course it all depends on your lifestyle and circumstances how you view that time.

The writer of Ecclesiastes goes on to list all the different happenings of time. (see Ch 3 verses 2 to 8)

In this world we have the contradictory statements "Time to stop and smell the roses" negated by "Time and tide wait for no man" How do we deal with this?

At the start of our Thursday morning Bible study, we say the prayer, Good Morning God. There is a line which reads "I know there have been many days that I have whiled away............ But this is one that I will try to make your special day". In truth, how many special days do we make?

What are your priorities? How do waiting times affect you? Anticipation, the child who waits for his birthday to receive a new bike, anxiety and longing of friends and relatives separated during this pandemic, anticipation, love, longing and much more of parents to be before the birth of their child.

No, my friends we cannot squeeze or lengthen our days, it is the same but different for everyone, I will leave you with a recipe which can be used to fit all time schedules for a happy life.

4 Cups of Love 3 Spoons of Hope

2 Cups of Loyalty 2 Spoons of Tenderness

3 Cups of Forgiveness 4 Quarts of Faith

1 Cup of Friendship 1 Barrel of Laughter

Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith.

Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding.

Add friendship and hope. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter.

Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

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