

# Time to Get Ready!

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2 Cor 6:2 *Now is the time; now is the*

**1** When preparing for a vacation to going somewhere with the family—we usually say: Time to get Ready!

**2** With the prevailing conditions in the world, it is definitely proper to say—**Time to Get Ready** for a trip to eternity!

**3** It is time to be sure that we are not allowing *earthly* things of this world to crowd out *spiritual* concerns of the next. AV Colossians 3:2 “*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*”

**4** The leaves of the trees are opening—and WEY Luke 21:31 “*When you see these things happening, you may be sure that the Kingdom of God is near.*”

**5** AV Romans 13:11 “*Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep.*”

**6** It seems that time speeds up as years go by, but time has *not* sped up—it just *seems* that way due to our lives *being filled* with so many

activities; so many distractions; and so many things the devil can use to get our attention.

**7** All this results in our spiritual concerns being crowded out by less important matters.

**8** Filling our day with getting to know **God** and learning how *He* wants us to *live, act, talk,* and *respond* to people and things around us is very wise because AV John 17:3 “*This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ.*”

**9** From the birth of Jesus to 1,000 A.D.—people invented many new things—the compass; the printing press; use of steel—which improved people’s lives, but have these inventions pointed people to God? Or brought attention to themselves—often resulting in pride?

**10** From 1,000 A.D. to the present there have been many more inventions like the telephone; computers; satellites; the Internet; cell phones; and Artificial Intelligence.

**11** Science is realizing that *God made* all the things with which the inventions are made *of*—God supplied the *materials* to make them and the *knowledge* to build them.

**12** People should be getting *closer* to God, but they are getting further away—allowing pride and money to get between them and God.

**13** By seeking things of the *world* for benefit and pleasure, they forget their *spiritual* concerns of eternal life in Heaven. Many do not read God’s plan in the Bible that could save their soul for eternity.

**14** The famous people who discovered new lands; the famous artists, inventors, scientists, musicians, politicians, presidents, and kings—have all passed on—and we wonder if they had a *second* chance would they live differently?

**15** **One life on earth; One passing to another—One very long eternity!**

**16** The apostle asks NIV James 4:14 “*What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little*

*while and then vanishes.*” Knowing *that*, let us re-dedicate our life to God.

**17** Our *time* on earth should be used getting to *know God* and drawing *closer* to Him.

**18** Everything we *say* and *do* and *decide* is to bring honor and glory to Him—praising Him for the knowledge, the ability, and the opportunity He has given us to *do* what we *do*!

**19** The population of the world today is over 8.2 billion—and God wants every soul saved—but for that to happen, a decision on *our* part needs to be made!

**20** We must realize *our* responsibility to *accept* God’s Truth and to *live* that Truth every day with His help. And we should pray for others to realize this responsibility to decide as well.

**21** This last *century* seems to have accelerated—and we are quickly coming to a conclusion. There will be an *end* to it all—a day when everyone will stand before Jesus and answer for the way they lived.

**22** Will it be eternal life? Or eternal suffering? It *is* a momentous decision!

**23** The choice to *change* direction—if we are going in the *wrong* direction is really an important issue. AV 2 Corinthians 6:2 “*Now is the accepted time; Now is the day of salvation.*”

**24** Many in the world do not give a thought about being prepared for eternity, and they never give a moment to consider if they have allowed God to teach them what they need to know.

**25** They do *not heed* the signs and have *no thought* about being ready for eternity.

**26** The world seems overly concerned with *forcing* other nations to live a certain way—it is the worst type of human efforts to control others.

**27** The world tries to attach their identity to their nation or homeland, *more* than their attachment to God and His eternal home. This is seen on their flag, their money, at sporting events, and on Tee-shirts.

**28** God must be *first* in all that people do or disaster will result. The world has dismissed the prophecies and the warnings of God, even though He has written His eternal Truth in Scripture for His creation to be informed of how to *live to receive salvation!*

**29** So many *wars* have claimed so many *lives*—it seems people do not value human life—but God has given everyone a conscience. In the deep recesses of the mind, people *know* it is *wrong* to take another life.

**30** NKJV Genesis 9:6 “*Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed.*” And on Judgment Day AV Romans 14:12 “*Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*”

**31** God is merciful and gives everyone time to see their mistakes, and to *know* what is really important in life.

**32** He has given us *time* to repent and turn back to Him—because “*God is love*” 1 John 4:8; 16.

**33** Now it is *our* turn to love *Him*—AV 1 John 5:3 “*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.*”

**34** God is looking for a heart of humility in us—one that truly *desires* His Truth above all else; a heart that is *taken up with pleasing Him* and doing *His* will—instead of *taken up with* interests on earth that have *no* eternal value.

**35** Life on earth will end at some point, and we will give an account of our life to the One who gave us life in the first place.

**36** We should be eternally grateful for God’s mercy and grace—because AV Romans 6:23 “*The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*”

**37** Life on earth is really very brief and soon over, but eternal life is forever and *never over*.

**38** God created life—and our brief time on earth is part of His plan—a plan He put in place

to get us *out* of this life and ready to move *in* to an eternal kingdom.

**39** If we are not ready to meet Jesus, we cannot blame God—it is *not* His fault.

**40** It is the *individual* who disobeyed God; who did *not heed* the plan He put in place—a plan that includes *loving* and *forgiving* others—and includes trusting Him in faith for food, finances, peace, protection, health, healing, and being ready to meet Jesus.

**41** God has forgiven us of many *mistakes*; of many bad *choices*; of many wrong *decisions*—and He will forgive us for allowing ourselves to be *distracted* by things of the world instead of being *attracted* to His Truth. For *that* we thank Him every day—His mercies AV Lamentations 3:23 “*Are new every morning.*”

**42** If anyone chooses to sin, they must know there are consequences for that wrong choice.

**43** God has given everyone the only option to be *right* with Him and to be *accepted* into His kingdom when this life is over.

**44** The only way is by *faith* and *trust* in the atoning sacrifice He made for us. Faith in His sacrifice is the only way to stand before Him cleansed of sin and right with Him.

**45** AV Deuteronomy 11:16 “*Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods.*” AV Luke 21:8 “*Take heed that ye be not deceived.*” Knowing *the time* is more important than ever.

**46** News reports tell of earthquakes, famines, political conflict AV Luke 21:11 “*Pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.*”

**47** We will be persecuted because of our faith in Jesus; we will be hated by many—but NKJV Luke 21:19 “*By your patience possess your souls.*”

**48** It is all explained in the Bible, and it will come to pass just as Jesus says it will.

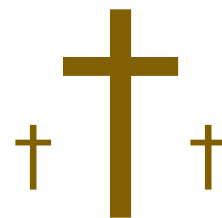
**49** There have been thousands of earthquakes and many devastating hurricanes—one in 1992; another in 2005; a Super Storm of 2012; and another hurricane in 2022 caused \$113 billion dollars in damages. They are wake-up calls for the world to *repent* and turn *back* to God.

**50** Anyone who has given their life to God and have faith in Jesus will be persecuted—and even if it means being faithful unto death, it will be worth it all to rejoice for an eternity in Heaven! Being ready to see Jesus should take *priority* over everything!

**51** It is *time* to *know* the *time*—and to *heed* the Words of Jesus. NKJV Luke 13:5 “*Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.*”

**52** The warnings are clear—AV Romans 13:11 “*Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*”

**53** AV Luke 21:31 “*When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.*” It is *time* to get ready!



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