

There Are No Excuses!

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1 There is simply no excuse today—*The Time has Come* to be absolutely sure we are committed to the Truth God has given us, and to recall the divine principles of trust that Truth includes.

2 We do not work *for* God's grace or approval, but we work *from* His grace.

3 The *soil* that the seed is planted in, determines the *fruit* it will bear—and may we always be planted with *humility* in the soil of God's grace and bear much fruit!

4 True grace means—AV Titus 2:12 “*Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.*”

5 If we do that and make no excuses, we look for **13** “*that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*”

6 Any wrong desire, or involvement with things that are of *no* spiritual value, should be given up and asking *God* to give us a new desire for things of *much* spiritual value.

7 Our taking action against *attitudes* we had tolerated, is how we *look for the glorious appearing of Jesus.*

8 It was our Savior AV Titus 2:14 “*Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*”

9 We are often zealous for many things, but they often do not have God's approval or blessing.

10 Being zealous is being *enthusiastic, passionate, or intensely interested* in something.

11 If we are *not* zealous about making things right with someone, we could easily put off doing it, and maybe *never* resolving it.

12 If we need to say *I'm sorry* to someone we should do it and not make excuses. AV 2 Corinthians 6:2 “*Now is the accepted time*” because if we knew that Jesus would return tomorrow—we would instantly take action on such issues.

13 Many would tell their spouse and children they are loved; they would hug their parents; they would resolve any problem with someone; and with God's help, they would *forgive* everyone from my heart.

14 Life should not end with *regrets!* *Unresolved* issues with *anyone* about *anything* must be dealt with.

15 *Live every day as if it was your last—and one day you will be right!*

16 Live every day as if Jesus would return any moment. AV Matthew 25:13 “*Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*”

17 The Bible example of the servant who did *not* make good use of his time during his master's “*Travelling into a far country*” is a wake-up call.

18 AV Matthew 25:14. The master was compelled to say **30** “*Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*”

19 Someone said—*I need to make time for God*—but that is not a right way to state it. Our time *belongs* to God—we just *borrow it to do other things.* AV Psalm 90:12 “*So teach us to*

number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

20 Time is precious and *so fleeting*—it must be *used* wisely as God helps us do that.

21 He wants us to live His Truth 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. There is never a time that we are not living that Truth.

22 *Now* is the time to *be* a right example; *Now* is the time to be sure we have a right attitude toward others; *Now* is the time to treat those in our home as if we loved them. It is the only way that *our life* will be a positive *influence* on them.

23 Only *one* thing will matter when Jesus returns—*not* that we made plenty of money; *not* that we got a *company* promotion; *not* that we travelled to distant places—what *will* matter is that we *know* God's Truth *better* than we *know* what sport's team is in first place!

24 The devil influences many to put too much value on things of no *spiritual* value!

25 What matters is that we helped others and sent extra cash *to Heaven* by giving to the poor on earth. Where our *heart* is can be proven where our *money* is.

26 AV Matthew 6:19 “*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth—[where it can be harmed]: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where it is guaranteed safe.*

27 People speak from the *overflow* of their heart. NKJV Luke 6:45 “*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*”

28 If we are always thinking about *things* of earth other than the things of God, then Jesus is *not* the *overflow* of our heart.

29 It was said: *It seems that nobody is telling anybody about Somebody who can save everybody!*

30 When we stand before God, we have to be sure that we were *zealous* for the Truth; that the Holy Spirit *inspired* us to *live* that Truth—that we showed a godly example to others—in the home, at school, at work, and during all activities.

31 AV Revelation 2:10 “*Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*”

32 *There are no excuses—now* is the *time* and the *day* to be a right influence; *now* is the hour to forgive someone; *now* is the opportunity to give scriptural advice; *now* is the time to show kindness to a hurting soul.

33 If a small child were about to run into a busy street, we would pull them back. AV Jude 1:21 “*Keep yourselves in the love of God—22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire.*”

34 If we would pull someone away from danger in an *earthly* sense, we should also pull someone away from destruction in an *eternal* sense by being a *right influence—always!*

35 Romans 13:11 “*Now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed*” Time is *precious*—don’t waste it.

36 We should not tolerate *anything* in our life that is *outside* the will of God—we should not make excuses but make *changes* and *corrections* if needed. Then we make a commitment to live by the Book God has written for us.

37 It is “*High time to awake out of sleep*”—Jesus’ return could be *soon* and *sudden*—and we “*Know neither the day nor the hour*”

Matthew 25:13. We must *use* our time *wisely*—Once time is spent it cannot be recovered.

38 *There are no excuses*—we must not follow anyone acting or talking in an unscriptural manner. We answer only to the *One* who *paid* for our life with His own precious Blood.

39 If anyone we are with wants to *go* somewhere that is questionable, we must refuse and walk away.

40 To lead an orchestra, we have to *turn our back* on the audience. If we want to follow the Savior, we may have to *turn our back* on the crowd. We should *not* be influenced by what *others* may do or decide—we answer only to Jesus.

41 Some time ago, two college students lost their lives because they proclaimed that they believed in Jesus.

42 She had given up unscriptural activities—saying: *I know it is the only way to really know Christ and to experience the mighty power that brought Him back to life again.* Cassie Bernall, 17, Columbine martyr.

43 Her fellow student said: *I have no more personal friends at school. But I am not going to apologize for speaking the name of Jesus. I am not going to hide the light that God has shown me. If former friends become enemies, so my best Friend will be Jesus, then let it be—* Rachel Scott, 17, Columbine martyr.

44 No more excuses, now is *the Time* to take God’s Truth seriously and to accept Jesus as Lord of our life!

45 We should decide—*no* compromises; *no* going back to old attitudes; and *no* holding on to unscriptural ways of the past.

46 We now follow the only One who can lead us to an eternal kingdom. **Matthew 4:19** “*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*”

47 As we follow *Him* others can follow *our* example of faith and trust—thereby making a *difference* in someone’s life.

48 Everyone will make a decision at some point—to either to accept the Truth and live it; or to reject that Truth and lose it—including their salvation.

49 The default *sin nature* and *default attitude* will take us to the worst *place* that could ever be imagined.

50 If we had godly parents who *raised* us in the ways of the Lord; who *taught* us how to treat others in a Christ-like way; who spent much time on their *knees* praying for our salvation, we should thank God every day!

51 They made no excuses, but they showed us by a personal example what real faith in God is, and they took the time to train and explain to us the ways of a true believer.

52 The faith that godly parents taught us, is now for us to teach our young ones—***There Are No Excuses!***



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