

Gathering

TIME

There is a song in the musical *Rent* that speaks about time...

Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes

Five hundred twenty five thousand moments so dear

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How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights and cups of coffee

In inches, in miles and laughter and strife

In five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes

How do you measure a year in the life?

Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes. It sounds like a lot – but if you are like me, those minutes are never enough! I'm always wishing I had more TIME! Time to get more things done – time to relax – time to enjoy moments – time to stop and worship in quiet moments. Time is wasting away while you are reading this!

How do we make the most of our time? Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us: *“Everything has its own time, and there is a specific time for every activity under heaven.”*

I am grateful that the God who ordained time can help me in making the most of my time! There is an old song in The Salvation Army songbook which has words that I make a prayer when it comes to figuring out how to make the most of my time each day: *“Calm and order all my days, Hide my life in Thee.”* Albert Orsborne

I'm grateful that the Lord does indeed, order my days, my hours, my minutes. When I give my times to the Lord, He brings order to them and helps me to be wise in using the time I've been given.

How are you doing with the gift of time in your life? Share the verse from Ecclesiastes together again and consider the following questions?

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- What is the one thing that I wish I had unlimited time to enjoy?
- What are some of your favorite ways to measure the passing of time? Is it in sunsets? In cups of coffee?
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