

Who has time?

Summer officially started a few days ago. The longest day of the year, actually it's the most hours of daylight in a 24 hour span. Every day has 24 hours in it; the only thing that changes is how much daylight we get. Summer is awesome because it feels like the days just last longer.

Here in Pennsylvania, experiencing four seasons, it seems summer goes all too quickly. We jam in picnics, cookouts, vacations, family reunions and three holidays. Starting with Memorial Day; then the Fourth of July in the middle and Labor Day to end the season, who has time for anything else? There are services for those who gave there all to make us and keep us free; fireworks to declare the anniversary of our independence and parades to acknowledge the hard working folks of this country. Not to mention the farmers who are busy planting, sowing and reaping to provide all the scrumptious food we devour at our picnics and cook outs and what not. Who has time to spare?

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. Ecclesiastics 3:1-8*

Time is a precious commodity. But, God laid out a plan that says there is a time for everything and everything has it's time. We have become a society who wants instant gratification. We want "it" and we want "it" now! However, that's not always the case. But waiting is such a bummer. God tells us to wait for Him and His timing.

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*

Summer is a hectic time; we get weary of all the "stuff" we try to cram into these few months. But scripture says to "wait upon the Lord". That means slow down, take a day off, sleep in, spend some time in prayer, read some scripture and just allow yourself to enjoy the magnitude and miracle of summer. The sunshine, the lush green foliage, the warm evening breezes. Take some time to praise God for his creation instead of making a grocery list for the next picnic.

In 3or 4 months the air will be crisp again and we'll wonder where the summer went. Spend some of it with the Lord, you won't regret it, I assure you!

Wishing blessing to you for a God filled summer,



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