

## UNDERSTANDING THE SEASONS OF LIFE

Growing in the Seasons of Life  
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*"As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night."* Genesis 8:22 (TLB)

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

*"Everything on earth has its special season."* Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NCV)

### 5 FACTS ABOUT THE SEASONS OF LIFE

1. **THEY ARE BEYOND \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"He controls the times and the seasons; he makes and unmakes kings."*  
Daniel 2:21 (GNT)

2. **THEY ARE OFTEN \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"He does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing."* Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NCV)

3. **GOD HAS A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR EACH SEASON**  
*"We know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans."* Romans 8:28 (TLB)

4. **THE SEASONS INCLUDE BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ TIMES**  
Ecclesiastes 3:2-8 (NLT) *"There is a time to . . .*  

<i>be born/die</i>	<i>plant/harvest</i>
<i>heal/kill</i>	<i>build/tear down</i>
<i>laugh/cry</i>	<i>dance/grieve</i>
<i>gather/scatter</i>	<i>embrace/turn away</i>
<i>search/quit searching</i>	<i>keep/throw away</i>
<i>mend/tear</i>	<i>speak/be quiet</i>
<i>love/hate</i>	<i>peace/war</i>

5. **WHAT I \_\_\_\_\_ IN ONE SEASON, I'LL \_\_\_\_\_ IN ANOTHER**  
*"Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."* Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

## HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF EACH SEASON

4 Questions to Ask

1. **WHAT CAN I \_\_\_\_\_ IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?**  
*"Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him."* Deuteronomy 11:2 (GNT)

*"This happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."* 2 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV)

2. **WHAT CAN I \_\_\_\_\_ IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?**  
*"People ought to enjoy every day of their lives."* Ecclesiastes 11:8 (NCV)

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

*"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."*  
Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

3. **WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?**  
*"Don't be fools; be wise: make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good."* Ephesians 5:15-16 (TLB)

4. **HOW CAN I \_\_\_\_\_ IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?**  
*"Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help."*  
Proverbs 3:27 (NCV)

*"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."*  
Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)

### Next Steps

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