



GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

LESSON #1: OUR PERSPECTIVE

Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds (January 7, 2018)

TEXT: *There is a time for everything and everything on earth has its special season (Ecclesiastes 3:1).*

INTRODUCTION: You are probably familiar with the phrase “*Timing Is Everything*” and realize its significance. In **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**, Solomon tells us that life is really a matter of timing. If timing is everything, how should we live? Over the next two months we will discover how to live on God’s time. In this first lesson we will gain context as a foundation for the rest of our study. The wisdom of Solomon can bless us. Let’s study together...

DISCUSSION:

I. Expect Changes Ahead

- A. Why do these changes occur? (**Genesis 1:1-31**)
- B. When do these changes occur? (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**)
- C. How do these changes occur? (**Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31, 2:18**)
- D. What are these changes that occur? (**Ecclesiastes 3:2-8**)

II. Prepare For The Seasons

- A. Consider the whole picture (**Psalms 23**)
- B. Consider God’s plan (**Isaiah 41:10**)
- C. Consider everlasting peace (**Philippians 4:6-7**)
- D. Consider your spiritual power (**II Timothy 1:7**)

CONCLUSION: Our theme for this year is **I Timothy 4:12-16** which says, “*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.*” It’s time to G.R.O.W. up! Don’t give up. Don’t get discouraged. Remember that “*Timing Is Everything*” and God is always on time.