



GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

LESSON #2: OUR LIFESTYLE

Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds (January 14, 2018)

TEXT: *There is a time to be born and a time to die. There is a time to plant and a time to pull up plants. (Ecclesiastes 3:2).*

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? In these verses, he makes twenty-eight statements (14 pairs of contrasts). What do these words mean? The wisdom of Solomon can bless us. Let’s study together...

DISCUSSION:

I. Birth vs. Death

- A. God gives life (**Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7**).
- B. God preserves life (**John 3:16, II Corinthians 3:6**).
- C. God records life (**Revelation 3:5, 20:15, 21:27**).
- D. God concludes life (**Job 7:6-7, Psalm 90:12**).

II. Sow vs. Reap

- A. Don’t be ignorant (**II Corinthians 9:6-8**).
- B. Don’t be weary (**Galatians 6:7**).
- C. Don’t be unfruitful (**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**).
- D. Don’t be stingy (**Luke 6:38**).

CONCLUSION: If we want to be prepared for death, and know when to sow and reap, we need to take a good look at our lifestyle. You can tell a lot about people by what they sow. What words and actions do you sow in your life? Remember that “*Timing Is Everything*.” Have you given God the time He deserves? Are you obeying Him? Will you surrender your life to Him? What are you willing to give up for Christ?