



“The Strength of Time” Sun July 10, 2022

I. **Ephesians 5:14-21**

A. **Redeem**

1. **To rescue from loss**
2. How many of you have felt that there is not enough time in the day to get the essentials done?

B. How to have time work for you...not against you

1. **Don't be drunk with wine**

- *Be sober, be vigilant (awake and alert)*
- *The scripture is referring to your senses and your awareness (of the time and of your surroundings).*

2. **Be filled with the Spirit** (The Holy Spirit is essential to the Christian....why? He is your power in this life to overcome!)

3. **SPEAK TO YOURSELF in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs**

- *Speaking to yourself is scriptural!*
- *Meditate in the Word (speak it out loud)!*

4. **Singing and making melody in your heart**

5. **Giving thanks always for all things**

- *You are either thanking God or complaining to Him...*
- *You shouldn't thank God for the problem; rather, thank Him for the answer and the victory to overcome it (Jericho, Jehoshaphat, etc.).*

6. **Submitting yourselves one to another**

- *Accountability – The acceptance of responsibility and the willingness to be corrected.*
- *When I am submitted, then I am grounded!*

II. Right Now Is The Right Time

A. **Mark 10:29-30**

1. When is the best time to receive your promise?
2. “Now” promises depend upon “now” actions (Are you guilty of wanting God to do something for you and yet you have not given Him your best?)

B. **Genesis 4:3-4**

1. The law of first mention: first place that “time” is mentioned in the Bible
2. *“When the time presented itself an opportunity, Cain gave an offering while Abel gave his best!”*
3. *Time is presenting itself to us the greatest opportunity; and time is of essence – what is the first thing you do in the day? What is the last? Giving thanks always...(Hebrews 13:15). Give God your best...He certainly gives His!*