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- Ecclesiastes 3:1

A Time for Everything...
What About Tomorrow?

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

- Proverbs 27.1 (ESV)

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Understanding Ecclesiastes 3.1-15
5 He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.

Proverbs 10:5
To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!

Proverbs 15:23
11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Proverbs 25:11
Timing matters
We cannot change what God puts in motion
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Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Ecclesiastes 3:1
God does everything just at the right time
We cannot control the appropriate time
He has made everything in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11
He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11
12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live;

Ecclesiastes 3:12–13
13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man.

Ecclesiastes 3:12–13
I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people shall see before him.

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Ecclesiastes 3:14
15 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

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5. War and conflict
3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

Ecclesiastes 3:3
4 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 \underline{__________}, and a time to refrain from embracing;

Ecclesiastes 3:5
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Ecclesiastes 3:5
Appropriate Things to Embrace
19 We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19
And he said to the woman, 
"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 7:50
Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.”

John 12:7
25 Husbands, ___ your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
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Ephesians 5:25
17 Honor everyone. Love the benefactor. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

1 Peter 2:17
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12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12
39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:39
34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Luke 23:34
Things Not Appropriate to Embrace
15 Do not love the ______ or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
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16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:16
8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8–10
For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Romans 13:8–10
10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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