

UNDERSTANDING THE SEASONS IN LIFE
Ecclesiastes 3:2-8
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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." Gen. 2:22 (LB)

*"There is a time for everything, and
a season for every activity under heaven." Eccl. 3:1*

"... everything on earth has its special season." (NCV)

5 FACTS ABOUT THE SEASONS OF LIFE

1. They are beyond _____
"God controls the times and the seasons. He makes and unmakes kings." Dan. 2:21 (GN)

2. They are often _____
"... God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing." Eccl. 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." Rom. 8:28 (LB)

4. The seasons include both _____ times.
Eccl. 3:2-8 *"There is a time to...*

<i>be born/die</i>	<i>plant/uproot</i>	<i>heal/kill</i>	<i>build/tear down</i>
<i>laugh/cry</i>	<i>dance/grieve</i>	<i>gather/scatter</i>	<i>hug/not hug</i>
<i>find/lose</i>	<i>keep/throw away</i>	<i>repair/tear</i>	<i>speak up/be quiet</i>
<i>love/hate</i>	<i>peace/war</i>		

5. What I _____ in one season, I'll _____ in another.
"Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9 (KJV)

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF EACH SEASON
4 Questions to Ask

1. WHAT CAN I _____ IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?

"Remember what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him." Deut. 11:2 (GN)

"(This happened) ... so we might learn to trust, not in ourselves, but God..." 2 Cor. 1:9 (Ph)

2. WHAT CAN I _____ IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?

"People ought to enjoy every day of their lives." Eccl. 11:8 (NCV)

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

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

3. WHAT IS _____ IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?

"Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as those who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties these days." Eph. 5:15-16 (Ph)

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." Eccl. 11:4 (LB)