

For everything there is an appointed time,
And an appropriate time for every activity on earth:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to uproot what was planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to search, and a time to give something up as lost;

A time to keep, and a time to throw away;

A time to rip, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

Having heard everything, I have reached
this conclusion:

Fear God and keep his commandments,
because this is the whole duty of man.

For God will evaluate every deed,
including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 12:13-14

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