

**PSALM 90:12 KJV** So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Today we are looking at the seasons of your life, expanding this great mystery to include the profound role, the true Church, and the ultimate gathering of God's family.

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1** To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

*Ecclesiastes* tells us that for all things there is a season. There is a time to cry, a time to laugh, a time to plant, and a time to reap. There are specific seasons in life, and sometimes you can try to do a good thing, but if you do it in the wrong season, it will not truly be blessed. God has placed humanity within the strict bounds of time so that we can truly realize how precious life is.

### **1. The Spring Season: Age 0-20**

Our lives are broken down into specific seasons. The first is the Spring Season, covering ages zero to twenty. *The grand theme of this stage is Identity, and the key to navigating it is transitioning to adulthood well.*

The defining questions a young person face are:

Who am I? What are my talents? Who am I not? What are my limitations?

When you are young, you may mistakenly think you have all the time in the world, not knowing that every single day is slipping away from you. If you catch the right concept that this life is fleeing every minute then time becomes precious to you, just like water, and it should never be wasted.

On a spiritual level, we must recognize that the absolute greatest gift of life is the Holy Ghost, which is the eternal "Zoe" life. This represents the very depth of God dwelling in the heart of a believer by faith.

To have something to show for your time on earth, you must actively invest. Do not waste your precious life, time & energy by being shaped by people, things, and situations. Instead, let God handle these situations. Life is about constant, predictable patterns of change, but the only constant factor will be our feelings

and attitudes toward life. As human beings, we have the power of attitude; that attitude determines choice, and choice determines results. All that we are and all that we can become has indeed been left to us to decide and interpret through our attitude and choices.

Within this spring season, God graciously gives children a time and a space called "unaccountability". This is a season where they have plenty of room to grow, play, and be curious before their character is even fully formed.

God does not hold them accountable until they reach a certain age of maturity.

Parents, you must deeply understand what season your child is in and do your work in them during that specific season. Let them run, let them play, let them build up their immune systems. Teach them how to enjoy life within the righteous boundaries of the Word. In this season, the mother acts as the absolute first teacher. Consider Moses when he was a little boy; it was his mother, Jochebed, who gave him his foundational instructions.

She hid him in a basket pitched by faith and placed him safely in the hands of God. A mother has a divine responsibility from God to place that child on the right road. She is the first view of God's love, caring, and protection that a child ever sees. Mothers, during this season, let your expectations for your children be incredibly high. Do not just hope they finish high school and become a doctor, a lawyer, or a bank executive hope that they become like a Sarah, a Ruth, or a David. Expect them to be spiritual warriors who will stand boldly against the deceptions of this age. Teach your children that they are one in a million, chosen to be part of a great supernatural army.

### **The Season of Singleness: The Adam Experience**

As a child continues to grow, they enter a beautiful season of singleness known as the "Adam experience". Look at Adam in the Garden of Eden: he was placed there as a single man, he was free, and yet he was not lonely.

He was amazed by the goodness of God and enjoyed his freedom.

Young people, *enjoy your single life and do not rush the seasons of your life.* Enjoy the freedom to travel, the freedom to visit friends; obviously with parental guidance and consent. The freedom to figure out exactly who you are in Christ. This is without the heavy burdens of maintaining a household, managing a mortgage, or washing dirty socks. If you bypass this vital season of youth and rush prematurely into taking on the heavy duties of a wife or a husband, you will end up looking back with deep regret, longing for the freedom you missed.

Keep yourself pure and prepare yourself. A young woman must fiercely protect her virginity, her name, and her character. She is preparing to become a godly

wife and eventually a godly mother. When you move from being single to being married, you are giving up your absolute freedom of time, and your life must now rotate around another person.

## **2. The Summer Season: Age 20-40**

Next comes the Summer Season, from ages twenty to forty. *The major themes of this season are Learning and Growing.* The key to this stage is perfecting your skill set. Distinguish your expertise in some area of life that contributes to the good of society.

Ask yourself: What do I want out of life? Do I know my Creator in the days of my youth? Where will I distinguish myself professionally? How am I different from my parents? What do I really believe? Around what person or conviction will I organize my life? *As you move into your thirties,* the questions shift to prioritization: How do I prioritize the demands made on my life? Have I allowed enough time for a vibrant spiritual life and authentic relationships?

### **The Season of Marriage**

When the season comes to find a mate, you must be incredibly careful not to be unequally yoked. In **Deuteronomy**, God commanded Israel to not make marriages with the surrounding nations because they would turn their children's hearts away to serve other gods. If you marry an unbeliever, or someone caught up in the idolatry of the world, they will bring up your children in a carnal way. Parents must not be unequally yoked, lest they bring the corrupting spirit of Babylon into their home. Choose a godly spouse so that your home can be a true sanctuary of truth.

A woman enters one of the most profound spiritual mysteries of God's creation. A godly mother is a direct reflection of the true Church, the Bride of Christ. She feeds her children the sincere milk of the Word to build up their spiritual immunity.

A child raised by a godly mother, is instructed in the fear of the Lord. A true mother's highest desire is never worldly success for her children, but their eternal salvation.

### **The Channel of Life: The Fifth Gospel**

To properly invest our time and truly understand the seasons of life, we must understand the channel through which life comes. The prophet Brother Branham called motherhood the "fifth gospel". If God were to write another Bible, it would be the story of motherhood. Motherhood is a profound mystery that reveals the very heart and nature of God. God is a supernatural Spirit, neither male nor female, but He created genders to reflect His own divine attributes. He revealed

Himself to Abraham as El Shaddai the breasted God, the strength-giver, and the nourisher. When a mother sacrifices her own life, her own wants, and her own social life for her child, she is typing eternal life; she is typing God in Christ who gave His life so that we might go free.

Look at Salome, the mother of James and John; she didn't ask for earthly riches. But went to Jesus and asked that her sons might sit on His right and left hand in the Kingdom. Look at Sister Hattie Wright; when the prophet offered her anything her heart desired, she didn't ask for wealth or for her crippled sister to be healed. She simply declared, "My greatest desire is the salvation of my two boys". *That is the ultimate desire of the true mother Church to see her children baptized into the faith and serving God daily.*

In the Scriptures, there are two mothers, representing two vastly different spiritual paths. In **Revelation 17**, we see Mystery Babylon, the mother of harlots, which represents false religion, idolatry, and a corrupted world system. But in **Galatians 4:26**, we see the New Jerusalem, which is from above, who is the free woman and the mother of us all.

We see this profound maternal love in the Hebrew word for compassion, which is *Rechem*, literally meaning "womb". Real compassion is reserved for those that come from your womb. You cannot help but love them, protect them, and self-sacrifice for them. We Learn in King Solomon live two women visited him. When King Solomon threatened to divide the living child with a sword, the false mother agreed to it. But the true mother's bowels her *Rechem* yearned for her son. She offered to give him away to another woman just so he could live. This beautifully types the elective; unconditional love God has for His Bride. We came from His mind, His spiritual womb, His infinite mercy and compassion will always find us.

Parenting in this active season requires strict discipline. The Bible warns, "**A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother**". A foolish child brings grief, anxiety, and sickness to their parents by rejecting instruction, rebelling, and running with the world. To prevent this sorrow, a mother must teach authority and obedience early on, using the rod and reproof to impart lasting wisdom. Above all, a mother must cover her children in prayer and unconditional love.

Children, to truly honour your mother and father means you obey their godly instructions. You take your calling, your education, and your associations seriously. You must choose to marry an equally yoked believer. You honour God with your tithes and offerings. The absolute greatest gift you can give your mother is to be a born-again, message-believing Christian. You can give her flowers, jewellery, or a new house, but if you live a life of sin and foolishness the rest of the

year, you only bring her heaviness. When a child lets their mother know, they are spiritually well and living within the parameters of the Word, they relieve their parents of immense stress and bring profound glory to their family and their God.

Key questions for your 30s: How do I prioritize the demands made on my life? Have I allowed enough time for a vibrant spiritual life and authentic relationships?

### **3. Fall Season | Age 40-60**

Theme: Influence

As we mature, we enter the Fall Season, encompassing ages forty to sixty.

Key questions for this stage: My Journey with The Lord, Have I achieved everything I wanted? Do I have dreams that are unfulfilled? Can my mistakes be redeemed? Are my accomplishments fulfilling? The major danger of this season mid-life crisis: an escape to numb the pain of past sin/failures or futile attempts to relive the past.

### **4. Winter Season | Age 60 +**

Theme: Investment

Finally we face the Winter Season, for those aged sixty and beyond. *The grand theme of this season is Investment.* Those who have navigated the seasons of manhood or womanhood well are marked by composure, maturity, and insight. Young men and women no longer see you as competition, but as a champion which grants you tremendous access to mentor and deeply invest in the next generation. The greatest danger of this season is buying into the lie that you can no longer contribute.

Instead, the major opportunity is to take advantage of your newfound flexibility to be a blessing to everyone around you. You cannot change the seasons, but you can change yourself. So, the first major lesson in life to learn is how to handle the winters. They come regularly, right after autumn.

Some are long, some are short, some are difficult, some are easy, but they always come right after autumn. That is never going to change. There are all kinds of winters: the "winter" when you can't figure it out, the "winter" when everything seems to go awry. There are economic winters, social winters and personal winters. Wintertime can bring disappointment, and disappointment is common to all of us. So, you must learn how to handle the winters. You must learn how to handle difficulty; it always comes after opportunity. That is never going to change.

*The big question is what to do about winters.* You can't get rid of January simply by tearing it off the calendar. But here is what you can do: You can get stronger; you can get wiser; you can get better. Remember that trio of words: stronger, wiser, better. The winters won't change, but you can.

When things were difficult, I wished they were easy. I didn't know any better. "Don't wish it were easier; wish you were better. Don't wish for fewer problems, wish for more skills. Don't wish for less challenge, wish for more wisdom."

### **Making Memories and Valuing Relationships**

A fulfilling life is measured by the memories you make. To have something to show for your time on earth, you must actively invest in your relationships with your family, spouse, and friends. You are encouraged to purposefully make memories by enjoying vacations, holidays, and special moments together. These moments, create the shared experiences you will rely on and cherish in your old age.

Parents are also advised to teach their children how to enjoy life. Parents need fill their days with activities and experiences keeping within the righteous boundaries of the Word. When the children have activities and experiences they are living fully rather than wasting their lives away.

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### **Avoiding the Traps that Rob Us of Life**

Because life passes so quickly, you should not waste it harbouring grievances, holding grudges, or letting negative situations rob you of your joy and peace. Spending your time trying to defend yourself against those who dislike you or spread lies about you is a waste of your precious life; instead, you should let God handle those situations. Life is described as a "kaleidoscope of emotions," much like a rainbow where different colours and seasons come and go. You must recognize that bad times do not last forever. You should use your time to forgive others and learn from past mistakes, so you do not repeat them. If you spend your time being angry, complaining, holding onto melancholy, or solely pursuing material wealth at the expense of your family, you will exist rather than live. This will result in you being bitter, envious, and filled with regret in your old age.

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Later in this season, once your children are grown and your active parenting season successfully closes, you must invest your time in your spouse. Grow old together and purposefully make memories. Take holidays, go on vacations, set up a tent in the backyard, or share a candlelight dinner. Going through both good and bad times together creates strong family bonds, and a strong family ultimately builds a strong church. If you have faithfully nurtured your relationships, you will be filled with joy in your old age; but if you spend your time being angry, complaining, holding onto melancholy, or solely pursuing material wealth at the expense of your family, you will merely exist rather than live.

You will end up bitter, envious, and lonely, just watching each other and hoping a neighbour comes by to break the profound silence.

### **Redeeming the Time**

Brothers and sisters, your life is an incredible gift. Make good, righteous use of the time God has graciously given you. Honor your mother and your father, not just one day a year, but 365 days a year by fully living for God.

Let the great chain of your family be hooked securely together, link by link.

Walk in divine wisdom, forgive past wrongs, thoroughly cherish the distinct seasons of your life, and prepare your hearts for the great eternal reunion at the Supper of the Lamb. May the Lord bless you, prosper you, and give you much grace.

# Navigating the Seasons of Your Life: A Journey of Spiritual Wisdom

## THE FORMATIVE SEASONS (Ages 0–40)

### SPRING (Age 0–20): Establishing Identity

A time for parents to instil foundational spiritual values before children reach the age of accountability.



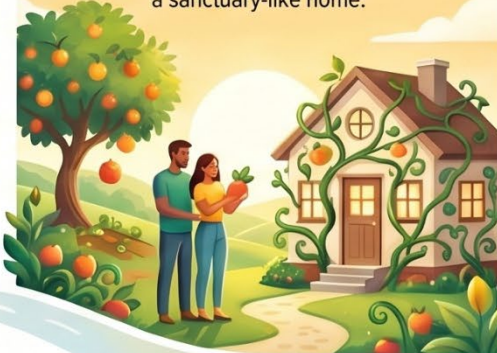
#### THE "FIFTH GOSPEL" OF MOTHERHOOD

A mother's sacrificial love reflects God's nature, acting as the primary spiritual teacher for her children.



### SUMMER (Age 20–40): Growth and Prioritisation

A season to perfect professional skills and choose a godly, equally yoked spouse for a sanctuary-like home.



## THE SEASONED YEARS (Ages 40–60+)

### AUTUMN (Age 40–60): Influence and Redemption

A period for reflecting on your journey with the Lord and redeeming past mistakes through influence.



### WINTER (Age 60+): Investment and Resilience

A grand season for mentoring the next generation and maintaining a composed, mature spiritual outlook.



#### THE "WINTER" MINDSET: Stronger, Wiser, Better

Do not wish for fewer challenges; instead, pray for more wisdom and skills to handle difficulties.

			
<p><b>SPRING (0-20)</b> <b>Identity</b> Who am I in Christ?</p>	<p><b>SUMMER (20-40)</b> <b>Growth</b> What do I really believe?</p>	<p><b>AUTUMN (40-60)</b> <b>Influence</b> Can my mistakes be redeemed?</p>	<p><b>WINTER (60+)</b> <b>Investment</b> How can I bless others?</p>