

# The Worth and Preciousness of Time

by Thomas Brooks

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*Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance and preciousness of time, highlighting its relation to eternity and the eternal consequences of our actions.*

**Scripture:** Ephesians 5:15

**Topics:** "Eternity", "The Value of Time"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the immense worth and preciousness of time, illustrating that understanding its value can profoundly impact a person's heart. He argues that time is a critical factor in determining our eternal fate, as it serves as the prologue to eternity, where the choices we make now will yield either bliss or bane in the afterlife. Brooks highlights that time is a fleeting commodity, and if one were in hell, they would trade anything for just a moment more. He encourages listeners to view their current time as an opportunity to sow seeds of grace rather than sin, as this will determine their eternal harvest. Ultimately, Brooks calls for a wise use of time to exchange earthly struggles for heavenly rewards.

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## Transcript

There is nothing which puts a more serious frame into a man's heart, than to know the worth and preciousness of time.

"Time," says Bernard, "would be a good commodity in hell, and the selling of it most gainful; where, for one day, a man would give ten thousand worlds if he had them."

One called his friends, "Thieves!" because they stole time from him.

Certainly time is infinitely precious, in regard of what

depends upon it. What can there be of more worth,  
and weight, and importance--than eternity?

Eternity is the heaven of heaven--and the hell of hell.

Without eternity, heaven would not be so desirable--  
nor hell be so formidable.

Eternity depends upon time. Time is the prologue to  
eternity. The great weight of eternity--hangs upon  
the small wire of time. Upon the spending of our time,  
depends either the bliss or the bane of body and soul  
to all eternity! Now is our seed-time, eternity is the  
harvest. Whatever seed we now sow, whether of sin  
or grace--it comes up in eternity!

Now is our market-time, in which, if we are wise merchants,  
we may make a happy exchange of earth--for heaven; of a  
valley of tears--for a paradise of delights.

Though time itself does not last--yet whatever is  
everlasting, depends upon time.

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