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Dear friends,

I don't know about you, but to me it is sad to hear time is ticking away very rapidly. Our worrying about something in the future is usually an enormous waste of time. Living in the moment and appreciating what you have while you have it is a great way to stay stress-free and have more fun since you are only focused on what is in front of you. My neurologist has stated that living in the moment will improve your overall focus and help your working memory.

I hope you don't mind, but you are going to be asked three questions in this newsletter.

Question No. 1 - Are you always on time for your appointments or meetings?

Since living here at the Manor, I always seem to be running a little late. I have to respect those who are always on time. Unfortunately, I am no longer one of those people.

However, fortunately for me, my son-in-law, Gary, and my two daughters, Kathy and Robin, always make sure I am on time. The three of them take me to all my doctor and many other appointments.

As I thought about my recent doctors appointment, I started to think about how important time is in our daily lives. We talk a lot about being on time, managing time, saving time, making up for lost time, and a host of other sayings related to time.

Ironically, there's not much we can do about time moving on. All the clocks, wristwatches and pocket-watches in this world continue to roll on, despite our best efforts to slow them down or stop them. Time is an intangible reality. We never seem to have as much time as we need. In our world today there is always one more thing to do, such as a weed to pull, a meal to prepare, or a prayer to offer. We need to allocate a set amount of time for each task. Unfortunately, sometimes it really is a task. The one thing we can say for sure is that we never know how much time we have left. However, rather than fret about it, we would be wise to make the most of the time we have and to allocate adequate time for rest and relaxation.

*We read in Psalm 23:2 **"He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters."** God makes you lie down in green pastures. That, my friends, is rest. And he leads you beside quiet waters. That's what I would call relaxation. God, in His goodness, created rest, and He considers it as important as work. Scripture gives us plenty of valuable advice in this area, including this passage of wisdom from Ecclesiastes 3:11, which advises us to acknowledge that **"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."** There's*

no point in trying to manipulate time; just enjoy the time our Lord and Savior has given us and use it to honor and glorify His name whenever we can.

Now I'm going to ask you to take some of that precious time that the Lord has given you and read the Book of James. **This book is not one of the more popular epistles or letters, like those written by Paul. It's a small book with only five chapters.**

Tradition tells us James was the brother of Jesus. However, he was not one of the original first 12 disciples. This letter is a challenge to us as Christians to take the next step in our lives of faith, to take the next step in our relationship with Jesus, and to take the next step in our lives of discipleship. In other words, it says **“Don't just talk the talk. You need to walk the walk.”** And it gives us specific teaching on how to do that. I believe that in this text James is asking the other two questions, **Who is God to you? Who are you to God?**

Next month, being November, most of us will be thinking about Thanksgiving and the upcoming presidential election. We have a lot to be thankful for. Just think of all that God has given us.

I hope you are registered to vote. I believe it's important that we all vote. Each vote is a vital contribution to preserving the values and principles that our founding fathers enshrined in the Constitution. Before pulling the big lever, ask yourself if the candidate you are choosing will uphold the sanctity of life, the traditional family, our religious liberty, and justice for all. I believe that our biblical values will guide my choice, ensuring that our leaders and polices will reflect God's truth and righteousness.

Check your events calendar and look at what events are ahead. Whatever occasions are in store, make plans now and use those days as opportunities to share God's Word. I know it's not always easy to share your faith. However, as I mentioned before, you never know who you may influence for the Kingdom of God... just by having a friendly conversation. Just remember the world is changed by your example not your opinion. We should be happy to share our many treasured memories, how lucky we are to remember so many of them. Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus.

Please pray for our country, our nation's leaders, troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe! May God smile upon your life so that the smile in your life reflects God's presence in it.

Until next time, love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

God bless.

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Jesus said, “Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all.”

Mark 16:15 (The Message)