

FOOL PROOF

LIVING A WISE LIFE

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday January 22nd, 2017

PASTOR DAVID COOKE: Time Keeps on Tickin' Tickin' Tickin' Away!

- What time is it?
- Seasons of Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ESV)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is 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 cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

- Seasons of P _____



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- Seasons of H _____ W _____
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- Seasons of R _____
- Wisdom is recognizing the season and living in the season.

“The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing.” (Proverbs 20:4, ESV)

- Time Is Slippery
Ecclesiastes 9:11-12



- Time Is Necessary To Bring About God’s Purposes

2 Peter 3:8–9

- Living Now

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15–17 (ESV)

- A Life of No Regrets

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Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12, ESV)

- Wisdom is recognizing the season and living in the season.

Answers: Preparation, Hard Work, Harvest, Renewal



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Icebreaker: If you could go back in time to any year, time-period or event in history, what would it be and why?

Prayer Tithe: Give your time to God. Before your sermon discussion, pray together. Save the prayer requests for later in your group meeting and just start praying and praising... about anything that is on your hearts and minds.

This Week: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 9:11-12; 12:13-14 and Ephesians 5:15-17

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, share anything that particularly caught your attention, encouraged, challenged or confused you.
2. What makes your above response important to you?
3. Is there something from the weekend teaching that surprised you? How so?
4. Throughout this series we have noted that: "Wisdom is not a door you walk through, but a path you walk down" (J. Kehler). How does the Ephesians passage (5:15-17) tie-in to this concept?

Putting it into Action

5. The author of Ecclesiastes illustrates the unfairness and brevity of this life. What hope then is there for us today (see Eccl. 12:13-14 and Eph. 1:9-10)?

Investing our time wisely is essential to a **Foolproof** life. Who we invest in has eternal affect. Psalm 31:14 exhorts us to put our times in God's hands. One way we do this at Cold Spring Church is by giving our time and care to our "One More"- that person, who may be far from God, whom He has placed in our life to love and care about.

6. How can you and/or your group pray for your "One More?"

Resources

The Bible Project is a great resource for understanding God's Word. As we continue with our **Foolproof** series, check-out the overview videos of the Bible's Wisdom books: <https://thebibleproject.com/resources/wisdom-series-ecclesiastes-video>.

