

## 1 Peter:

### It's About Time

*Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. <sup>2</sup> As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. <sup>4</sup> They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. <sup>5</sup> But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*

*1 Peter 4:1-5 (NIV)*

*"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."*

*(Ecclesiastes 1:2 NIV)*

*Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.*

*(Genesis 4:1-2 NIV)*

*In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,*

*(Genesis 4:3-4 NIV)*

*Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

*(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NIV)*

**Bottom Line: Life is too \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.*

*(Colossians 4:5 NIV)*

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

*(Ephesians 5:15-16 NIV)*

**Application: \_\_\_\_\_ starts \_\_\_\_\_.**