



## I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Fill in the blanks

**3 John 2 (NKJV) Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.**

**Psalms 115:14 (AMP) May the Lord give you [great] increase, You and your children.**

- God wants you to increase so that those around you can benefit
- B. Introduced the idea of spiritual laws

**Genesis 8:22 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup> "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."**

- This is talking about natural laws – these things will work as long as earth is here
- These laws work in the extremes in life

C. You can't apply these laws legalistically

## II. THE LAW OF TIME

A. The passing of time can make us weary

**Galatians 6:9 (CJB) <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest.**

B. The law of time

**Psalms 90:12 (NKJV) So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

- Today is the key to tomorrow
- Appreciate the time you're in

C. Make the best use of your time

**Ephesians 5:16 (NKJV) redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

- The passing of time isn't a sign that nothing is working
- Put your energy into planting seeds not watching the clock
- Never judge a day by its harvest

## III. THE LAW OF DISCIPLINE

A. God will do what you can't do but He won't do what you can



**1 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.**

- We plant and we water but God is the one who brings increase not us

**Proverbs 11:18 (MSG) Bad work gets paid with a bad check; good work gets solid pay.**

**Proverbs 14:23 (ISV) In hard work there is always profit, but too much chattering leads to poverty.**

**Proverbs 21:25-26 (TLB) <sup>25-26</sup> The lazy man longs for many things, but his hands refuse to work. He is greedy to get, while the godly love to give!**

- Self-explanatory – discipline in our work – no matter what our work is, is necessary if we want to prosper or increase in life

B. Heart discipline

**Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.**

**It takes discipline to make time for**

- **Prayer**
- **Worship**
- **Serve**
- **Give**
- **Love**
- **Forgive.**

C. Christianity is simple but it's not easy

**Lamentations 3:21-24 (CEB) <sup>21</sup> I call all this to mind—therefore, I will wait. <sup>22</sup> Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! <sup>23</sup> They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> I think: The Lord is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him.**

- Time and discipline help us understand the faithfulness of God
- God wants to bless you and use you to bless others at every point of the age spectrum

**Galatians 6:9-10 (CJB) <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as the opportunity arises, let us do what is good to everyone, and especially to the family of those who are trustingly faithful.**