

Devotional – Time For Fun

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Opening

- God wants us to enjoy life doing fun things like hobbies, let's see what the bible says about having fun.
- *Read, or someone read the Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Devotional

Big picture

Hobbies are intended for spare time and shouldn't take away from responsibilities.

- Q: Does your family have game nights where you play board games or other fun games?
- Q: What is your favorite board game to play? (Share yours, too)
- Did you know that God wants us to have fun? He has set aside time in everyone's life for fun times.
- The Teaching verse tells us God has carved-out times for work, play, rest, and worship, for everyone.
- The point is, God is in all these activities: Work, Play, Rest, and of course, Worship.
- But God is not just about having fun. The teaching verse says there is a time for all things including serious things. For example, if we played hobbies all the time and didn't work, we wouldn't be doing right. We would be ignoring our responsibilities to our family, our friends, and to God himself.
- Hobbies are intended for spare time and shouldn't take away from our responsibilities.
- You shouldn't feel guilty about playing and having fun. God thinks fun can be as holy as worshipping Him or He would not have set aside time for it, like the Teaching verse says.
- But we should ALWAYS be listening to God and His timing for when God says we should be working or playing or resting or worshipping Him. Too much of any of these activities is not good for us. God created us for all these activities, but each one should be done in God's good timing.
- And, God's good timing for hobbies is your spare time, after you have finished your responsibilities.
- You shouldn't worry about not having enough spare time to do fun things. You have more than enough spare time for hobbies and other fun things to do. You are blessed to live in a rich country like America where we all have plenty of free time.
- I am sure many of you have responsibilities at home or at school such as homework, chores or God time.
- Those activities are more of priority than hobbies. But this lesson is not telling you to stop having fun.
- Instead, the point of this lesson is, that everything in life has a God-determined time. Hobbies should fall down the list of priorities in your life to nearer the bottom when compared to other things.
- Your conscience should be telling you when you have neglected your responsibilities.
- So do the important things in life first, then you should have plenty of time for fun like doing hobbies.

Hobbies

Elective 4: Hobbies Elective

Memory Verse #3

Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X. Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.

Note: we are moving to verse #3.

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

Topical Questions

1. Does anyone know a bible story where people were having fun?
e.g. David singing and dancing
2. Why do you think God wants us to have fun?
Because Heaven is a fun place, so earth should be too
3. Can having fun ever be just as holy an activity as worshipping God?
Yes, when God is a part of the fun
4. When is it time to stop having fun?
When your parents or the Holy Spirit tells you it's time to stop*

Closing Prayer

Lord God, You have given us many things to appreciate and enjoy. Thank you so much for our different hobbies and interests. Thank you for such great gifts and giving us abilities to do hobbies and enjoy them. You are such a loving Father, God. In your son, Jesus Christ's name, we pray. Amen



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