

**DISCERNING THE**  
**SEASONS:**  
**WISDOM FOR SETTING**  
**YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**

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**{Proverbs 3:19}... “The Lord founded the earth by wisdom”**

**{Psalm 19:1-2}... “The heavens tell of the glory of God; and their expanse declares the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.”**

**{James 1:5}... “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”**

**WISDOM and REVELATION are not  
the same.**

**There are two kinds of wisdom**

- 1. Natural Wisdom**
- 2. Revelation Wisdom**

{Proverbs 6:6-8}... “Go to the ant, O sluggard, observe her ways and BE WISE, which, having no chief, officer or ruler, prepares her food in the summer and gathers her provision in the harvest.”

- God made the spiritual and the natural world.
- Wisdom often simply comes from observing the natural realm.
- Through creation God speak both **NATURAL** and **REVELATION** wisdom.

# THE LAW OF SEASONS

## (Law # 3: We Reap In a Different Season Than We Sow)

{Ecclesiastes 3:1}... “There is an  
**APPOINTED TIME** for everything. And there  
is **A TIME FOR EVERY MATTER** under  
heaven—

# THE TWELVE SEASONS OF LIFE

**{Ecclesiastes 3:2}... A time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.**

# THE TWELVE SEASONS OF LIFE

## The Early Seasons

- **1. BABY**
- **2. CHILD**
- **3. YOUNG ADULT**
- **4. ADULT WORKER**
- **5. MARRIED**
- **6. PARENT**

## The Latter Seasons

- **7. EMPTY NESTER**
- **8. CARETAKER**
- **9. GRANDPARENT**
- **10. RETIREE**
- **11. WIDOW**
- **12. DYING**



**{Psalm 1:1-3}... “Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and on His Law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, which YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN ITS SEASON, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.**

**{2 Corinthians 9:6}... “Now I say this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously.”**

- **What season are you in?**
- **What does the Lord want for me for the next season?**

**{2 Corinthians 9:6}... “Now I say this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously.”**

- 1. What changes must I make to move from the current season to the next?**
- 2. What does the Lord want for me in the next season?**
- 3. What adjustments do I need to get me there?**

# WHAT SEASON ARE YOU IN?

- **1. BABY**
- **2. CHILD**
- **3. YOUNG ADULT**
- **4. ADULT WORKER**
- **5. MARRIED**
- **6 PARENT**
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**{John 4:37-38}... 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have come into their labor.**

# WHAT SEASON ARE THOSE GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR LIFE?

- 1. BABY
- 2. CHILD
- 3. YOUNG ADULT
- 4. ADULT WORKER
- 5. MARRIED
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# SPIRITUAL WISDOM IS TIED TO THE SEASONS OF LIFE

**{1 Corinthians 13:11}... “When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.”**

# SPIRITUAL WISDOM IS TIED TO THE SEASONS OF LIFE

{Luke 2:52}... “And Jesus kept increasing in WISDOM and **STATURE**, and in favor with God and people.”



# SEASON-SHAKING EVENTS

**{Matthew 6:34}... “So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”**

# SEASON-SHAKING EVENTS

- **1. DIVORCE**
- **2. CHILDREN LEAVE UNEXPECTEDLY**
- **3. CHILD GETS PREGNANT**
- **4. CHILD DIES**
- **5. LOSE HOME**
- **6. LOSE JOB/CAREER**
- **7. FINANCIAL CATASTROPHE**
- **8. MEDICAL CATASTROPHE**
- **9. EMOTIONAL/ MENTAL BREAKDOWN**
- **10. SPOUSE DIES**
- **11. PARENT DIES**
- **12. OTHER**

# DISCERNING THE SEASONS

**{Ecclesiastes 3:3}... A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build up.**

**{Ecclesiastes 3:4}... A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.**

**{Ecclesiastes 3:5}... A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.**

## DISCERNING THE SEASONS

**{Ecclesiastes 3:6}... A time to search and a time to give up as lost; a time to keep and a time to throw away.**

**{Ecclesiastes 3:7}... A time to tear apart and a time to sew together; a time to be silent and a time to speak.**

**{Ecclesiastes 3:8}... A time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.**

**{Psalm 46:1-3}... “God is our refuge and strength, a very ready help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shakes and the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.”**