

# Timing is Everything

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Solomon knew the importance of timing. He said, *There is a time for every purpose under heaven,... a time to plant,... a time to build, and ... a time to harvest* (Eccl. 3). This principle is something we also understand from life's experiences.

The optimum time is often limited to a few minutes, few hours or a few days depending on the purpose. Usually doors of opportunity remain open for only a short time and the same opportunity is seldom seen again. The difficult part is to know the exact moment when the time is right. As it has been expressed by an unknown poet:

*Everything that grows  
holds in perfection but a single moment.*

We, the Karns congregation, should ask ourselves "Is this our time to make a significant impact on our community?" We see positive signs that the time is now. Many of Karns' members are involved in the work of the congregation. There is a genuinely warm and loving spirit within the body. We are having an unusually large number of visitors, several have been baptized recently and others have placed their membership with Karns. Still, we do not know if this is the "optimum time".

Acknowledgement of this timing is important. Should we procrastinate while looking for a magical moment to do the Lord's work? No! We should act on the premise that the opportunities presently before us will not last. Jesus clearly states we should *work while it is day for the night is coming when no man can work* (Jn. 9:4). Paul told the Corinthian brethren, *Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation* (2 Cor. 6:2). This has always been the mindset the Lord expects of His people.

When we do the Lord's will He will bless our efforts if we trust in Him regardless of whether the timing is "right" from our perspective. The Lord is not bound by seasons and circumstances as men are in their pursuits, therefore, we are simply required to plant and water, go about doing good and His will in our community will be accomplished. So timing is everything and the time is NOW.