

The Only Time I Have to Live is NOW!

A few nights ago God awoke me about 4:00 a.m. telling me, “*The only time I have to live is NOW*”. After wrestling with Him awhile, I gave up and jotted down these thoughts, (with a few additions as I reread it).

The Past is full of memories that guide and instruct me. The Future is full of hopes that encourage me. *But the only time I have to live is NOW!*

When I was young I dreamed of the mountains we would climb, the world we would explore and the people we would know. Today, in this old age of life, I look back and reminisce with old friends. *But the only time I have to live is NOW!*

How tempting it is in Generation I, Age 0-25, to daydream of the girl I will someday marry, the work I will do and the people I will know. And to experience the Pleasures of youth!

In Generation II, Age 25-50, I may look back and realize I am not where I thought I would be. So I work all the harder before it is too late. I strive for Possessions that will prove I have achieved Success that will give me and my family the Security we all want so badly.

By Generation III, Age 50-75, Time is running out. The kids leave home. We are no longer on the cutting edge of life. Our Children are in the center and Grandchildren will soon take their place.

But now I am in Generation IV, rapidly approaching Age 95. The Life Expectancy tables say I have only a short time left. Others caution me not to buy Green Bananas. ***But they are wrong. I now have exactly the same amount of time I had at age three or thirty or sixty. I have This Moment! This Hour! This Day! I Have NOW!***

The Past is gone. The Future in this world may go on without me—but I am Content! I finally see why God doesn’t say, “*I was or I will be*”, but simply, “***I AM!***” Why Jesus, who holds all of Time and Eternity in His Hands, told us not to worry about Tomorrow. Why Old Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes. And why it makes sense to leave the Pleasures of Youth, the Possessions of Middle Years, and the Positions of Later Years when they are over. ***They were necessary in their time, to carry on Family for future generations and to keep the world alive. To motivate us to Prepare, Build and then Pass It On to those who would follow—But, then to “Let Go”!***

Now I see the wisdom of going from *My Way to God’s Way* when I committed my life to Jesus at age 44. Now I see why God gave me my assignment at age 64 to concentrate my life and energies *Loving People and Loving Him*. And at Age 94 I accept the reality that this is not the Land of Life moving to Death, but, rather, it is the Land of Death moving to Eternal Life.

And I know that Eternity is One Great Big NOW. When Moses and Jesus and all my loved ones moved into Eternity it was NOW for them. When I meet them in Eternity it will still be NOW for all of us!

In this small little bubble we call Time and Space, we live so narrowly. But in fact we are simply waiting to go into an Infinite, Invisible, Eternity—***and it will still be NOW!***

So I will not worry or think too much about tomorrow. I will remember “*One day’s trouble is enough for one day*”. I will “*Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness*”, because that is what the One who created this World and all of us, has destined and set in motion for those who love Him and want to follow Him.

I will remember the only Time I have to live in this World—and all Eternity—is NOW!

***And I pray each of you will live to the fullest the role God gives you for each chapter of your life,
Because The Only Time We Have to Live is NOW!***

From Grandpa With Love

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