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Speak to Us of Time...

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"And an astronomer said, Master, what of time?
And he answered:
You would measure time the measureless and
the immeasurable.
You would adjust your conduct and even di-
rect the course of your spirit according to
hours and seasons.
Of time you would make a stream upon whose
bank you would sit and watch its flowing."

You would measure time... Right now as you read this story, you are
measuring time. There's just so much time to glance at the Homemaker
before it's time for class to start, and time to get out the notebook, and
time to take notes, and hope there isn't enough time for a shotgun.

Time is a constant in your life. The way you use it is the variable. You
may use minutes as though they were yesterday's left-over Daily – hardly
worth glancing at before crushing and tossing in file thirteen. Or you may
not.

We become so busy. We even become so busy that deep down inside,
we feel guilty if we aren't busy Doing Something. You think that idleness
is wasteful; undirected by busyness is just as wasteful. Time should be used,
but not squandered by doing too much or too little.

Just for a minute will you forget the million and one things you must
do, and think about this question. To what end or purpose are you using
your time in this world?

We all have a mind image of the person we wish to be. One of the
hardest tasks is opening our eyes to our real image which, in this case, is
actually a distorted or partial reflection of the mind image. Yet to answer
the question you must take a full length look in the mirror. How similar
are the two you’s? Where do they differ? Are you using time in a way that
will clear the distortions and reflect your whole self?

There is another aspect of time to consider. Time, like an emotion or
a passion, can become a god. A god who will give no part of himself for
rest, but who will demand a harried, rushing service. If you become too
busy for a good laugh, too hurried to talk, too rushed to listen to some-
one’s troubles, then time is your god and you are a poor slave. And we are
not to serve time but to use and enjoy it. Each person is to use time for
loving, working, producing, and creating.

"The Prophet said,
For in the dew of little things the heart finds
its morning and is refreshed."

The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran