

I ran across a song written by Bradley Walker/Joey
Feek

In the time that you gave me, did I give all I could give
Did I love all I could love, did I live all I could live
Was my faith in your grace strong enough to save me
Did I do all I could do in the time that you gave me
In the time that you gave me did I face the devil down
Did I make him turn away every time I stood my
ground
If today is the day you should decide to take me
Did I do all I could do in the time that you gave me

In college, I had a friend who wanted to be a member of the church but decided that it just took too much time! -- Sunday nights and Wednesday nights were just too much.

Why do some folks spend so much time at religion?
at play?
at work?

Why do some folks spend so little time with
children?
with family?
at church?

Isaac - Gen 27:2 And he said, Behold now, I am old,
I know not the day of my death:

Job 14:1-2 “Man who is born of a woman is few of
days and full of trouble. (2) He comes out like a
flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and
continues not.

Psa 90:10 Our days may come to seventy years, or
eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them
are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass,
and we fly away.

1Pe 1:24-25 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, (25) but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Where does time go? Sunrise, Sunset

Is this the little girl I carried/ Is this the little boy at play
I don't remember growing older/ When did they?

When did she get to be a beauty/ When did he grow to
be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday that they were small?

Sunrise Sunset, Sunrise sunset/ Swiftly flow the days
Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers/ Blossoming even
as we gaze

Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset, swiftly fly the years

One season following another/ Laden with happiness
and tears

Now is the little boy a bridegroom/ Now is the little girl a
bride.

Under the canopy I see them, side by side
Place the gold ring around her finger, share the sweet
wine and break the glass

Soon the full circle will have come to pass.

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As we consider our time on earth, we must pause
to ponder eternity.

While on earth, we spend time on what is
important to us.

Husband/Wife/children/work/God

Luk 12:16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Those who think only of themselves and not others have failed to follow God's teaching.

Joh 13:5-16 Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. (6) So He *came to Simon Peter. He *said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" (7) Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." (8) Peter *said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." (9) Simon Peter *said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

(10) Jesus *said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." (11) For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean." (12) So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" (13) "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. (14) "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. (15) "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. (16) "Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

As they came into the room, every disciple saw the water and basin for washing the feet, but not one of them was willing to do this job.

The lesson Jesus teaches His disciples in his last day among them, is that they are to serve one another.

The lesson goes beyond the washing of feet, a job in every house for the servants, but of not feeling so high that you think others should serve.

Serving others takes a great deal of time.

Think about the time small children take each day. God put a special hormone in mothers, oxytocin, to make certain that they would spend the time necessary to take care of their children.

It's sometimes called the bonding hormone as it also is released during sex, at much higher levels in women than in men.

God placed this hormone specifically in women.

Gen 3:16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you."

Why do women stay with men and take care of them – they have been bonded by God!

Women have been bonded by God to their children.

We routinely hear of women going to great lengths to help their children – and sometimes we also hear it of men, but it is far less often.

Jas 4:13-15 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” —
(14) yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. (15) Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”

What do we consider as we think about where we
will live?

*go into such and such a town and spend a year
there and trade*

God and His church?

How it will affect the spouse and children?

How much money we're going to make?

Time is filled with swift transition #244

Acts 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Lk 16.20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'