

# FACING THE TIME BEFORE US

This week, one year goes out and another comes in. As we look into the New Year, we are facing a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all of these units are gifts from God.

Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak – every man, woman and child have the same 24 hours every day.

Another important fact about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, then, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

Associates of Life Care and Century Park understand this truth, and they add to their account of heavenly treasures by devoting time to those they love and serve.

All of us must ask ourselves this question: As the seconds of the New Year tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men (or women) but as wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15-16 NASB).*

– Beecher Hunter