

Managing God's Creation

Message 2: Managing Our Time: Past, Present and Future

Part A: Managing Our Past Experiences

Our time and circumstances, past, present and future are investments which God has made in us.

I. God's Purposes in Our Experiences

- A. *He wants to develop a dependency upon Him (II Cor. 12:7-10)*
- B. *He wants to develop our perseverance, which matures us. (James 1:2-4)*
- C. *He wants to expand our ability to minister to others. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)*

II. Our Response to and Management of Our Past Experiences (I Pet. 4:12; Heb. 11:32-40; Philippians 3:12-14; Rom. 5:3-5)

- A. *Don't count your situation as being unusual (I Pet. 4:12)*
- B. *Don't try to compare your circumstances with those of another person, either believer or non-believer. (Hebrews 11:32-40)*
- C. *Try to view your past circumstances as a trust and an investment made in you by God, for a purpose.*
- D. *Let go of past experiences, and press on. (Philippians 3:12-14)*
- E. *Allow God to use your past experiences as a tool to develop your inner qualities. (Rom. 5:3-5)*