

## A Time to Mourn - cont.

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*our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself” (Philippians 3:21).*

- Lay it to heart like Solomon wrote to do:

*“It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart” (Ecclesiastes 7:2).*

- Gain strength from weakness. This is what Paul did (2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13).

### **What the Supporter Should Do?**

- Mourn with the mournful like Jesus did (John 11:35). Paul wrote to weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15).
- Comfort them with hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11,14).
- Bear their burdens during their time of mourning (Galatians 6:1-5).

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## - Scripture of the Week -

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*“For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ. ” - Galatians 1:10*

This week I can either live to please men or live to please God. Since God is my judge at the end of time, and not man, I will live each day this week to please him.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup> a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. <sup>9</sup> What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he labors? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith. <sup>11</sup> He hath made everything beautiful in its time: also he hath set eternity in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end.*  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 -

Solomon writes in the book of Ecclesiastes about the different “times” that are found in life. He sets forth the following five truths about those times: 1) the times come from God; 2) the times have a purpose for us; 3) the

times are both positive and negative in nature; 4) the times can cause us to travail (especially the negative ones); and, 5) the times are all beautiful in their own way.

One of the “seasons” or “times” that God gives us is the time to mourn. There are a number of reasons why a person might mourn. When a person might need to mourn or grieve, let us take a look at what the one who is grieving should do and what the one who is supporting him should do.

## Kinds of Losses

There are all kinds of losses in life that could cause one to mourn. There is the loss of material or physical (body, health) possessions, natural disasters and accidents can happen, and sometimes we are diagnosed with a serious illness.

There is the loss of spiritual possessions too. Some Christians lose their faith and it causes one grief. Sometimes parents have to mourn their child’s spiritual loss of faith and it hurts them.

There is the loss of life. It is appointed unto man once to die (Hebrews 9:27). We know death is coming for us all, yet, we still grieve over the loss of a loved one. Jesus wept when his friend Lazarus died

(John 11:35). Let us now take a look at what people should do to help themselves in times of mourning.

## What the Griever Should Do?

- Turn to God, not away. This is what Job did (Job 1:20) and the Psalmist:

*“My soul waits in silence for God only: From him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved” (Psalm 62:1-2).*

- Determine not to be separated from God. Paul wrote that God will never leave you:

*“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?” (Romans 8:31).*

- Concentrate on what you get back, not what you lose. David believed that he would go to his son who had died (2 Samuel 12:23) and Paul wrote that we will get a new body one day:

*“who shall fashion anew the body of*