

# “Brethren, the Time is Short”

**1Cor.7:29-31**

*“The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psa.90:10,12)*

*“My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle...my life is a breath” (Job 7:6-7)*

*“Our days on earth are a shadow” (Job 8:9)*

*“Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away...they pass by like swift ships, like an eagle swooping on its prey” (Job 9:25-26)*

*“Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; he flees like a shadow...” (Job 14:1-2)*

# “Brethren, the time is short...”

- **“Even those who have wives should be as though they had none”**

This does not contradict: 1Cor.7:2; Heb.13:4

Close earthly relationships are only temporary

Serving God is to take priority over earthly relationships (Matt.6:33; 10:37; Lk.14:26)

# **“Brethren, the time is short...”**

- **“Those who weep (should be) as though they did not weep”**

This is not meant to nullify: Rom.12:15; 1Cor.12:25-26

Look beyond the sorrows of this life (1Thess.4:13)

Don't be overcome by sorrows (2Cor.4:8)

# “Brethren, the time is short...”

- **“Those who rejoice (should be) as though they did not rejoice”**

There is no attempt to modify the command to:  
“rejoice with those who rejoice” (Rom.12:15)

Guard against an obsession with the joys of earthly life, “lest you forget the Lord” (Deut.6:10-12)

Don’t forget that God is the source of our earthly blessings (Lk.12:16-21; 1Tim.6:17)

# **“Brethren, the time is short...”**

- **“Those who buy (should be) as though they did not possess”**

It is fine for us to buy things (1Thess.4:11-12)

It is fine for us to own things; just don't love them more than God (1Tim.6:9-10, 6-8)

# **“Brethren, the time is short...”**

- **“Those who use this world (should be) as not misusing it”**

Man has the God-given right to use this world  
(Ecc.5:18-20; Heb.2:7-8)

We are not allowed to “misuse” it (Lk.14:16-24)

# **“Brethren, the time is short...”**

- **“For the form of this world is passing away”**

All engagements, connections and plans should be made in view of this fact (Jas.4:13-16)

We must make wise use of the short time we are allotted in this world (Eph.5:15-17)