

يَا ابْنَ آدَمِ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ أَيَّامٌ ، كَلِمَا ذَقَبَ يَوْمٌ ذَقَبَ ،  
بَعْضُكَ

There are among those who believe in the popular saying as "Time is Gold", or "Time is of the essence", or "Time is money"... But Time in Islam is more than Gold, money, or any precious material thing in this world. ~~Of all the worldly religions, only Islam guides mankind not only to the importance of time but also how to value it, and how to use it.~~

My dear brothers and sisters in Islam, 'time is <sup>like</sup> a sword, if you do not cut it, then it will cut you.' If that is the case, then we are being cut by time, we are being butchered by time....we are being slaughtered by time.

All sensible human beings and especially Muslims should constantly be aware of their time, and make sure that they are benefiting from their time. Learning and benefitting from time can be in various ways, such as: Learning from the passage of time, Seeking the superior times, Planning and organizing time, Fulfillment of time commitments, Necessary awareness of time wasters

Both the Qur'an and the Sunnah enjoin Muslims to be conscious of time. We are reminded that life in this world is temporary. We never know when death has been appointed for us. We must value time for the satisfaction of Allah the Almighty. For our guidance and success, we must never waste time nor abuse it.

Ibn Abbas narrated that Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) said:

نِعْمَتَانِ مَغْبُونٌ فِيهِمَا كَثِيرٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ، الصِّحَّةُ وَالْفَرَاغُ " ."

"There are two blessings which many people lose and are heedless about: Good health and free time." (Bukhari 8/421)

Allah talks about time continuously in the Quran, directly and indirectly about the importance of time:

**﴿ وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ آيَاتَيْنِ ﴾ [الإسراء: 12]**

**“We have made the night and day as two signs for you”**

**﴿ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ ﴾ [النحل: 12]**

**“We have made the night and day subservient to you”**

Allah swears by time in the Quran:

**(والفجر)**

**“I Swear by the Dawn”**

**(والليل إذا يغشى، والنهار إذا تجلّى)**

**“I swear by the night that envelopes, and the daylight that shines brightly”**

Allah says:

**والعصر.....**

**By (the Token of) Time (through the ages), Verily Man is in loss, Except such as have Faith, and do righteous deeds, and (join together) in the mutual teaching of Truth, and of Patience and Constancy. Qur'an (103:1-3)**

These quranic verses remind us about the importance of time, and teach us that those who don't use their time to worship Allah and fulfill the purpose of our life here on earth, then we are at loss.

Imagine there is a bank which credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day, it doesn't allow you

to keep a cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day.

What would you do? You would Draw out every cent, of course!

Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose.

It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who has failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who has given birth to a pre-mature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE DAY, ask a daily wage laborer who has kids to feed.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who has missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who has avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLI-SECOND, ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time ... and remember that time waits for no one. . .

What are the causes of wasting time:

1. Not having goals for one's life, short term or long term...
2. Laziness coupled with procrastination
3. Having bad friends and companions who aren't serious about anything
4. Lack of understanding the importance of time

Brothers and sisters, the wasting of time is worse than death, solely because death keeps you from seeing other people, but wasting time keeps you from worshipping Allah, getting closer to him and turning away from his remembrance.

Al Hasan Al Basree from the successors of the companions used to say:  
'I've met people who showed far greater importance to time, then you  
all do to your wealth and earnings'

وَكَانَ ابْنُ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا يَقُولُ: إِذَا أَمْسَيْتَ فَلَا تَتَنَتَّزِرُ الصَّبَاحَ، وَإِذَا  
أَصْبَحْتَ فَلَا تَتَنَتَّزِرُ الْمَسَاءَ، وَخُذْ مِنْ صِحَّتِكَ لِمَرَضِكَ، وَمِنْ حَيَاتِكَ لِمَوْتِكَ

And Ibn Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say, "In the evening do not expect [to live until] the morning, and in the morning do not expect [to live until] the evening. Take [advantage of] your health before times of sickness, and [take advantage of] your life before your death."

Don't wait for tomorrow to do good deeds? Don't wait for tomorrow to start praying again. Don't wait for tomorrow to start memorizing Quran. Don't wait for tomorrow to start building resilient communities. Start now, start today. We may not be here tomorrow. Hasten to do good deeds, before it's too late.

يَا مَنْ بِدُنْيَاهُ اشْتَغَلَ \*\*\* قَدْ غَرَّهُ طُولُ الْأَمَلِ  
الْمَوْتُ يَأْتِي بَغْتَةً \*\*\* وَ الْقَبْرُ صُنْدُوقُ الْعَمَلِ

'O you who are busy with your worldly life...You've been deceive by too much hopes and false promises

Death comes suddenly, and the grave and coffin is the box in which your deeds will be stored in...