

**“LOSING ONE HOUR”
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Do you hate to lose time or even waste time? Do you get frustrated when you wait in a long checkout line in the grocery store? Maybe the person in front of you is slow and then makes a mistake when writing a check. As a second check is written, you look around and notice that the other lines are all moving faster. This is a frustrating experience.

All of us will lose one hour when Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Over and over again, we will be reminded to move our clocks ahead one hour when we go to bed on Saturday night. We will get one less hour of sleep. If we forget to adjust our alarm clock, we will be late for church. That would be unfortunate because March 8th is also Girl Scout Sunday and you do not want to miss this annual community event.

In today’s world, time is very important to us. We also see this concern about time in the Bible. Over and over again the writers of Scripture talk about how God acts at just the right time. Listen to the words of the psalmist,

*“But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
your name endures to all generations.
You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has come.”
(Psalm 102:13-14)*

These verses affirm that God will act at just the right moment. God is aware of the events that are occurring in our world and is not taken by surprise. Men and women of faith can place their confidence in a God who acts at the right time.

Sadly, some people just drift through life. There is no sense of purpose or direction as the days turn into weeks and then months and years. As Christians, we believe that each day is a precious gift from God. Time is a treasure that is to be valued and used. Remember to give thanks to God for this treasure as you move your clocks ahead in a few days.

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