

# The Time Has Come

Part three of the series, "Discerning These Times"

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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 5 ESV)

"Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! <sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, <sup>3</sup>things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. <sup>5</sup>He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, <sup>6</sup>that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, <sup>7</sup>so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments..." (Psalm 78:1-7 ESV)

**We are to teach God's truth to FUTURE generations and tell them of God's mighty works.**

**The TRANSFER of this knowledge would take place for each succeeding generation.**

**Each generation's leaders, fathers and mothers would lead their generation while preparing SUCCESSORS for the next generation.**

## **The Apostolic know-how:**

"Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith." (Acts 6:1-7 ESV)

- **Know who to summon.**
- **Know what is not right.**
- **Know how to pick out.**
- **Know how to appoint.**

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