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Laying Foundations Today For a Brighter Tomorrow

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THE TIME IS SHORT by Linda Ensley



September has arrived, and the temperatures have dropped. Along with the cooler weather comes a renewed energy. In the Midwest it is hard to measure the length of time we have to really experience fall. We could begin dealing with snow as early as October, or we could have mild temperatures on into December. Because of this uncertainty we must hurry to complete all of our fall projects when the weather is still nice.

I tend to need a deadline to get myself motivated. But given the undefined end of autumn, I know I must capture the time available to follow though on those must do 'preparation for winter' chores.

My list may be quite a bit shorter than some of yours. Many have gardens to harvest, canning to do, flower beds, yards and garages to clean up. Then there is the endless baking to use up the ever multiplying zucchini.

Mothers of small children need to sort through their kid's clothes to see what does and does not fit. The heavy coats need to be checked and the boots need to be tried on to see if they will work for one more year. Dads need to check the tires to see if they need to be replaced before the snow flies and children need to bring in

the toys they have taken outside over the summer. You could get tired just thinking about all of this on top of all the other daily tasks that are pulling at you. It is vital that we make the most of the nice days we have left.

Time is also short when we look at the Kingdom of God. We are given just so many days to fulfill God's purpose for our lives. But often we struggle to determine what that should be when, in fact, we should be looking to what God is doing and ask Him how we can join Him in His work. We all have different talents and God calls us to use them to show His love to others.



"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given us."
Romans 12:5-6

We all have different passions that lead us to different groups of people. One might have compassion to reach the lost, another a heart for the homeless, or another may be drawn to reaching out to

children or working with troubled teens and another might have the gift of showing kindness to the elderly. We all have our place and our commission, but the time is short.

Just as winter can drop a heap of snow on us while the grass is still green and the vegetables are still in the garden, so Christ may come at any time. We must make the most of the time God has given us. Our place of ministry may change as we age or go through different stages in our lives, but the mission still remains.

"Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ***Matthew 28:19-20***

Keep asking God how He wants to use you. Invite him to open your eyes to opportunities to share His love with someone each day because the time is short and we don't know what tomorrow may bring.

