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# THE BEREANS

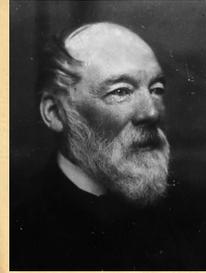
ACTS 17:11

John 4:27-42

Lesson #15

Carpe Diem (seize the day)

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Samuel Smiles

“Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by medicine, but lost time is gone forever.”

# Carpe diem

Seize the Day

**Timing is an important Biblical theme.**

- Christ came in the “fullness of time” Gal 4:4.
- Jesus often said, “my time has not yet come.”
- Paul calls us to “redeem the time” Eph.5:16.
- Solomon tells us there is a time for everything Eccl.3:1-10.
- Jesus’ ministry was for only 3 years.
- Paul’s 3 yr. missionary travels were preceded by 3 years of preparation, and followed by 3 years of incarceration.

“You can’t redo the past or pre-do the future. You can only do something about the present so remember to show up!”

## The Gospel of John

Carpe diem (seize the day) 4:27-45

Revelation to the world of sinners	Revelation to individuals	Revelation to multitudes	Rejection by the Jewish leaders	Ministry to the disciples	Ministry to the world of sinners
1-2	3	6-8	9-12	13-17	18-21
Galilee & Judea				Sermons	Sacrifice
				Private ministry	Paschal ministry
About 3 1/2 years				Jerusalem	
				Only a few days	

*John 4:27-42 (paraphrase)*

“As Jesus ministered words of grace and truth to the Samaritan woman a spiritual awakening began in a most unexpected place. Jesus’ disciples completely missed what was happening, so he took this opportunity to train them. He told them that they were to seize the day by doing what he had just done - bring grace and truth to hungry hearts who were prepared before hand by the ministry of others. The response is illustrated by the crowds that were enthusiastically coming to him.”

*John 4*

“<sup>27</sup> And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He had been speaking with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?””

**NOTICE:**

The disciples did not inquire about Jesus behavior indicating they completely missed the significance of what he was doing.

“<sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water pot, and went into the city, and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?” <sup>30</sup> They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.”

**NOTICE:**

The woman was so struck by what she had experienced that she left her water pot and went back to town to tell the people what had happened.

“<sup>31</sup> In the meanwhile the disciples were requesting Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” <sup>32</sup> But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> The disciples therefore were saying to one another, “No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?”

**NOTICE:**

Jesus is preoccupied with the spiritual needs of others, an issue that the disciples did not understand at this point.

“<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.”

**NOTICE:**

Jesus FIRST challenges his disciples’ priorities - to see a world full of opportunities to make a difference for the Kingdom.

“<sup>36</sup> Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

**NOTICE:**

We have distinct roles in God’s plan and do not all share the same function in God’s Kingdom.

“<sup>39</sup> And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of His word; <sup>42</sup> and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

**NOTICE:**

**Many Samaritans believed that Jesus was the Christ through personal contact with him.**

# See the Dawn

*Matthew 6:22*

“if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light”

We should see every experience or circumstance as an opportunity.

# See the Dawn

How many of Jesus' actions were responses to circumstances?



*1 Peter 3:9*

“not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.”

When bad things happen to good people they shine.



Francis Bacon

“In order for the light to shine brightly, the darkness must be present.”

## Love is a responses to Life.

Love is a response to:

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| patient                                     | trials               |
| kind  | insults              |
| not jealous                                 | success of others    |
| does not brag                               | success of self      |
| is not arrogant                             | power and authority  |
| does not act unbecomingly                   | freedom              |
| does not seek its own                       | competition          |
| is not provoked                             | confrontation        |
| does not take into account a wrong suffered | injustice            |
| does not rejoice in unrighteousness         | failure of others    |
| rejoices with the truth                     | gossip and slander   |
| bears all things                            | loss                 |
| believes all things                         | doubts               |
| hopes all things                            | discouragement       |
| endures all things                          | delayed expectations |



1 Cor. 13:4-7

# Seize the Day

*Matthew 5:16*

“Let your light shine before men”

We are Baptized to be  
Players not Spectators.

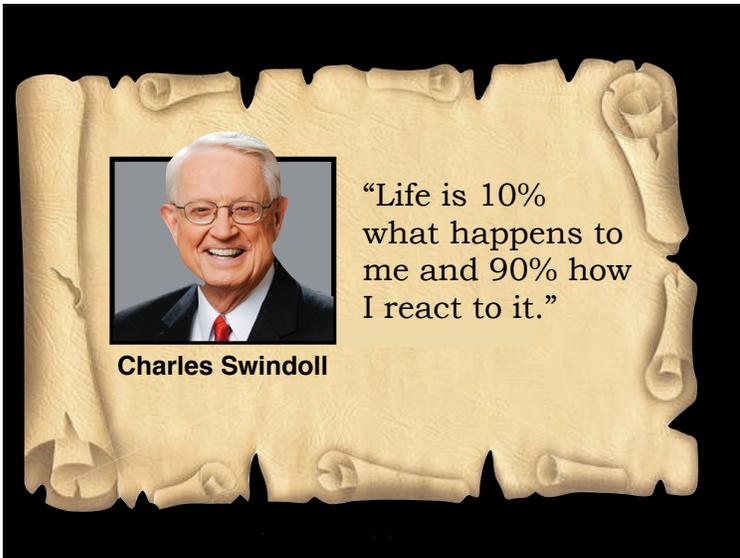
When we respond to life’s  
circumstances with grace and truth  
we know we are disciples of Jesus.

# Seize the Day

A Disciples prayer

“Lord, I may have both good  
and bad experiences today.

Prepare me to respond to  
both with grace & peace in  
a way that bears witness  
to the Gospel.”



# Show the Way

*Galatians 5:6*

“Faith working through love”

As the Body of Christ we are the light  
shining in the darkness. Let it shine.

Let those WITHOUT HOPE whine  
about the past and worry about the  
future while we shine.

# Show the Way

Put your best foot  
forward

Be quick to listen,  
slow to speak &  
slow to react.

# Show the Way

L istens to concerns  
O verlooks weaknesses  
V alues strengths  
E mpathizes with pain