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Devotional

The Lord of Time



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Through the Psalms
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> But I trust in you, O LORD;
> I say, "You are my God."
> My times are in your hands. . . .
> (Psalm 31:14–15)

What a profound and blessed revelation, that God has absolute control over all the times in our lives! Alone in the universe, God controls time totally. This is beautifully demonstrated in the heavenly bodies. Countless millions of stars rotate endlessly with absolute precision. They never collide. None of them ever departs from its appointed path or its appointed schedule.

All this is not the expression of some mindless mechanical process. On the contrary, it reveals God's personal involvement in the universe that He has created. He Himself names each star and watches over its course. Isaiah reminds us that it is "he who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing" (Isaiah 40:26).

Just as accurately and as perfectly as God controls the movements of the stars, He also controls the courses of our lives. In particular, He controls the time element in each of our lives. He foresees each situation before it arises. Some sudden crisis may perhaps find us unprepared – but never God. In and through it all, He consistently and unhurriedly works out His own purpose for us.

For me personally, time has always been the element in life that I have found hardest to control – much harder, for instance, than money. The solution, I have learned, is to yield full control of time to God – to say with David, "My times are in your hands." At the beginning of each day I pray specifically that throughout that day I may "always be in the right place at the right time." From then on the events of my day follow God's schedule as surely as the stars in their courses.

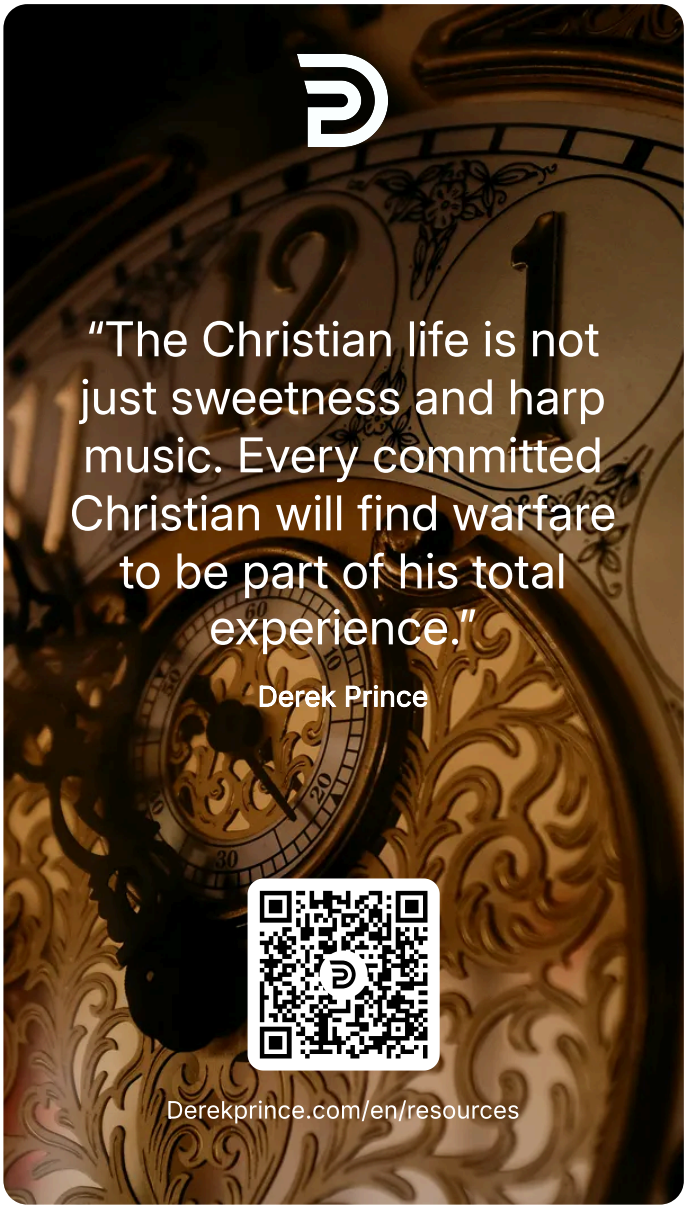
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