

# Time

Time is no doubt my favorite subject, when I am just thinking. I seem to sit and ponder for hours, just thinking of what Time really is, and how you might categorize it, or explain it so that it can be better understood.

My latest thought is this; Time is like bits on your computer hard drive. You have only so many, and you can fill them up with whatever you choose. But, one day you will find that it is all used up, and unlike hard drives, you don't have the luxury of adding more space, or another drive, so that you can continue on. When it is gone, it is gone. Also, you are not able to erase a few gigs, and put something more important in its place.

I also like to think of time as millions of containers, some very large, and some very small. Each one being able to hold just so much, and then it is put away. On occasion, you can go back and open the container, look at the contents, but never able to change a thing. You can learn from the contents, but never change them to something different. As you look at time in this manner, you suddenly realize that when you are young, time is your friend. But, when you get old, time is your greatest enemy. I want to explain that statement, for those of you that have too put much "Time" into thinking about it. When you are young, you usually have billions of slots of time in which you can use and invest as you choose. This of course is not always the case, and as many have found out the hard way, time is not guaranteed. It is a luxury, given to you from a higher power, and dispensed to you for your own use. You can waste it, spend it, or give it away, all too often done so, and then suddenly finding that it should have been used more wisely, so that circumstances could be different than they turned out to be. You also have the luxury of holding time. I know this comes as a shock to those of you that are not use to managing your time well, but it is true. How many times have you wished you could remember what the teacher said? What your mother said? What the preacher said? If you manage time well, you will do as the old sales motivator, Zig Zigler, use to say; "If you repeat something over and over again, you will remember it. But, if you just let it pass you by, you will forget 80% of most things you hear. Also, lets remember the technology that has been with us for many years now, "The Recorder". Imagine you are getting ready for a semester test, and you try as hard as you can, but you just can't remember what the Professor said in the class you had last week, where he discussed all the things you need to know about this weeks exam. What were you thinking, why in the world didn't you record this class? Think back to the last time you visited with your grandfather, and he told you some stories about his past, and some of the experiences he had. Now it is 20 years later, and you try as hard as you can, and you just can't remember, and neither can he. If only you had recorded those conversations, you could have captured for a lifetime, several pieces of time, and you could rehearse them again, now that you are older and more able to understand his wisdom. Think also, of the good feeling you could have, because you spent, (yes, you spend time, just like you do money), time with someone who was sick, and now you are sick, and someone spends time with you. Think about the time you spent doing something you should not have done, and the problems it brought you, if nothing more than guilt, wishing you could bring back the day, or the moment, but it just cannot be done. Then think about that extra time you spent, searching for the right answer, or the right solution, and when you suddenly found it, you were so proud of

yourself. Yes, time is your friend when you are young, and your enemy when you are old. Your friend when you are young, because you probably have a storehouse full, and your enemy when you are old, because you know you have precious little to spare, and so much wasted in your memory that you wish you had used more wisely. So let us spend our time, knowing that we only have a limited quantity, and remembering this also, what goes around, comes around. And as with any investment, the return is what makes the difference, not how much we had to start with.

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