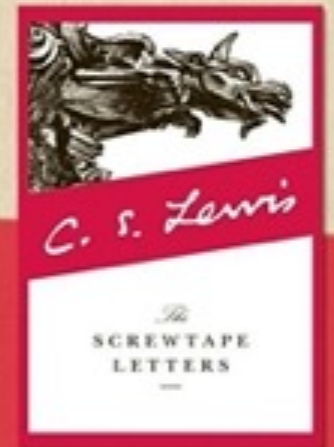


MY DEAR WORMWOOD,

...Men are not angered by mere misfortune but by misfortune conceived as injury. And the sense of injury depends on the feeling that a legitimate claim has been denied. The more claims on life, therefore, that your patient can be induced to make, the more often he will feel injured and, as a result, ill-tempered. Now you will have noticed that nothing throws him into a passion so easily as to find a tract of time which he reckoned on having at his own disposal unexpectedly taken from him.

C. S. Lewis

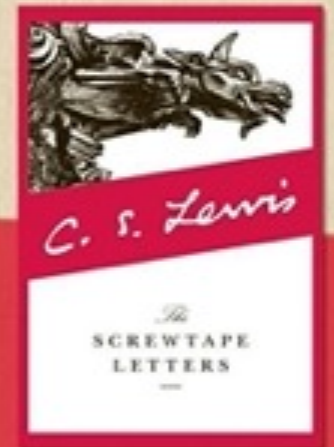
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...It is the unexpected visitor (when he looked forward to a quiet evening), or the friend's talkative wife (turning up when he looked forward to a [private conversation] with the friend), that throw him out of gear. Now he is not yet so uncharitable or slothful that these small demands on his courtesy are *in themselves* too much for it. They anger him because he regards his time as his own and feels that it is being stolen. You must therefore zealously guard in his mind the curious assumption 'My time is my own.'

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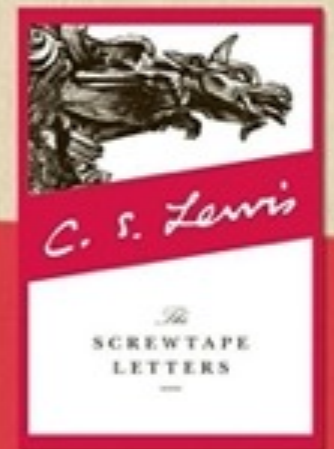
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TIME

Ephesians 5:15–16

¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

“Carpe diem.
Seize the day, boys.
Make your lives
extraordinary.”

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The burden of living an extraordinary life

Objective



Subjective

TIME

The only objective reality concerning time

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

The only objective reality concerning time

John 7:6, 8

⁶Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here; for you any time will do...⁸You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.”

The only objective reality concerning time

Mark 1:14-15

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

The only objective reality concerning time

Ephesians 1:8–10

⁸...With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

The only objective reality concerning time

Romans 5:6

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Both the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of God call us to an extraordinary life.

How do these messages diverge in what constitutes an extraordinary life?

Objective



Subjective

TIME

The subjective reality concerning time

John 5:19

¹⁹Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

The subjective reality concerning time

John 5:30

³⁰“By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”

The subjective reality concerning time

John 5:36

³⁶“For the works that the Father has given me to finish – the very works that I am doing – testify that the Father has sent me.”

The subjective reality concerning time

John 8:28–29

²⁸So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.”

The subjective reality concerning time

John 14:10

¹⁰“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”

The subjective reality concerning time

John 12:49–50

⁴⁹“For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. ⁵⁰I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

The subjective reality concerning time

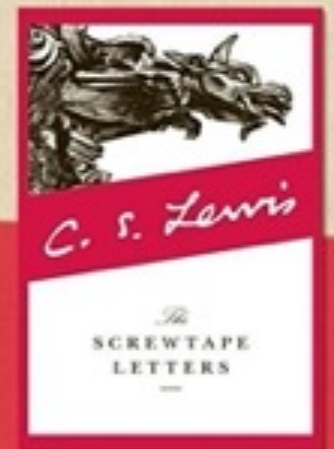
John 10:17-18

¹⁷“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

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1 Peter 1:10-11

¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.



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