

It's ours to use if we use it and we don't abuse it, it is gone. "My times are in Thy hands." How often we are frustrated because we set an appointment and the other person does not show up. We plan to do a thing at a certain time. The time comes. Circumstances are not available; we cannot accomplish it. How frustrated we get. Everything was carefully planned, and yet someone fell down, or circumstances over which we have no control did not work out. The time was not there.

"My times are in Thy hands." God controls all the circumstances that we don't have control over [and even the ones we do, doesn't He?] All the circumstances that we figure out very carefully and do our best, and yet they don't work out right. They are in God's hands. God controls them. When things go wrong through no fault of our own, we can look up and rejoice and know that God has a good purpose in it all. A man rushed to catch a train. He had to be at a certain place at a certain time. The only way he could do it was by getting this particular train. He was on the way to the station, and he got a flat tire. He was held up. By the time he could get it fixed it was too late. He got to the station just in time to see the train --- the plane rising from the ~~XXXXXX~~ ground. Through no fault of his the time was gone. Later he heard this plane had crashed. God had known was He was doing. God had spared his life. The time --- Despite his best efforts the time did not work out because God had other plans for him.

We prefer to make excuses about time. The time is not ripe. This may be so. God has His time for everything, and yet it is always the right time to do a good thing. ~~XXXXX~~ Anytime is a good time ~~XXXXX~~ to do something that needs to be done. It is important of course to do the thing that most needs to be done first. How often we spend our time frittering away our time, working at things which may be good but are not the most important. We finish them up and then we think of something far more important and there is no time for it