

Seasonal Greetings - Care of Our Time
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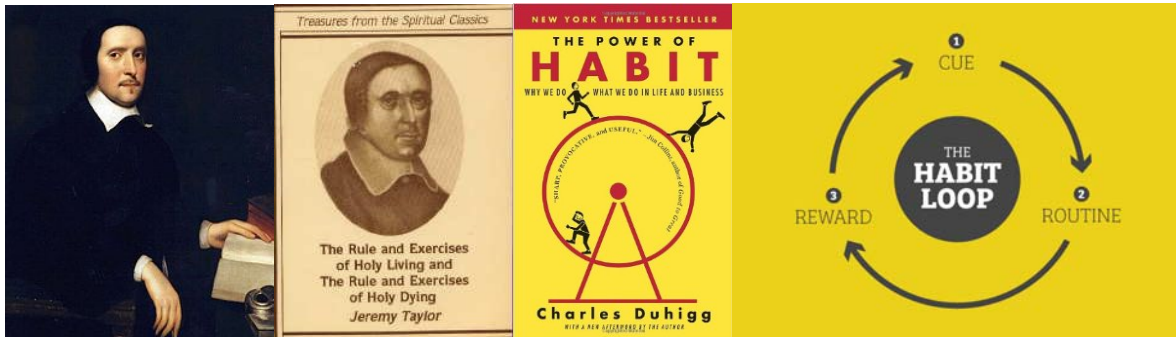
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (Psalm 139:3)

Companions in Christ scattered around the world,

Approaching to a season of harvest, I wish you well and have the most grateful year of your whole life. If you're still working on for something great, I want you to know that I am holding you in a prayer for you to take GOOD care of your own time.

Concerning "Care of Our Time," Jeremy Taylor (baptized 15 August 1613 – came in eternity 13 August 1667), a clergy friend of Samuel Wesley – the father of John and Charles Wesley, inspired many people throughout the ages with his masterpiece, entitled *Holy Living and Dying with Prayers Containing the Whole Duty of a Christian*. Taylor weighs his voice on "Care of Our Time."

*"God has given to man a short time here upon earth,
and yet upon this short time eternity depends; but so,
that for every hour of our life we must give account to the great Judge of men and angels."*



*"God hath given every man work enough to do,
that there shall be no room for idleness;
and yet so ordered the world, that there shall be space for devotion."*

*"Avoid the company of drunkards and busy-bodies,
and all such as are apt to talk much to little purpose;
for no one can be provident of his time that is not prudent in the choice of his company."*

Growing up in a farming country, I learned how important it is to observe 24 seasons of farmer's calendar. Depending on your faithful observance on the expectations on each season, you may leap for joy at harvest. You may discover yourself weeping and gnashing your teeth.

By the grace of God I have built my own routine - hours for the works of the Lord, for my family, and for my own soul. Each day serves differently: Saturday as the day of preparation, Sunday for holy ordinances, thinking of the flock of Lanham Campus on Mondays, those of

Savage on Tuesdays, "Coffee with the Pastor" and "High Noon Prayer" on Wednesdays and Thursdays" at each campus, and Friday as sabbatical rest for my own soul. A couple of hours of each morning are given for the members of the church. The other couple of hours in the evening for ministerial gatherings! The couple of hours are set aside for children in the mornings and in the later afternoons. Another couple of hours between midnight and dawn are purely for my own walk with God - *kairos* moment. Then, I still have plenty of time to hang out with you with the limited time, when we can taste the beauty of eternity.