

## IN THE MEAN TIME

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Much of our life is spent waiting for another time, a different situation, a new relationship, something just out of reach, the obtainment of which we are convinced, will bring great happiness. So, we put in our time, waiting for the thing we see as better.

Frequently we realize that there is something we need to do to obtain what we long to have, so our time is spent in work and preparation. That makes the time go more quickly, and that is the object, to arrive at our goal as quickly as possible.

An infant, watching life around him with fascination, wants to be able to touch and explore things that are out of his reach so he struggles onto his knees rocking back and forth until he masters crawling. Then, he's up and walking.

As siblings begin school each year, he longs for the day he too will pack a lunch and become part of this adventure that life dangles as something reserved for another time.

We long for holidays, birthdays, romance, marriage, a better job, recognition, parenthood, retirement, Heaven...

And, there are times when we grit our teeth and dig in our heels saying, I can bear this relationship a little longer and give God time to work. I can work two jobs for a while, until we get over this hump. I can put up with my boss until I find a better place to work. I can suffer this disease until God sets me free.

So much of the time we are not where we want to be and life just isn't what we want it to be.

Would it not behoove us then, to take a good look at each today? After all, it is the thing at hand, the thing we have an opportunity to work with. So, let's deal with it, make it worthy of good comment. Conclude it with a sigh of satisfaction that we have brought to it creativity, hope, and beauty. How could tomorrow be any better? What charm can the fantasy of a day not yet experienced hold to the value of a day well lived? *This* is the day that the Lord hath made. We should rejoice and be glad in it.

*“Dear God,*

*Help us to see and experience the blessings and the opportunities of this day, and make us grateful...*

*Amen”*