

## Being *Now* People

One of the best ways to arrive on time is to leave ahead of time. Yes, I've been one of those drivers in traffic that weave from one lane to another to get some advantage in time to arrive at my destination more quickly (though not as recklessly as some may do). Then at the stop sign, the vehicles I passed ease right up beside me, and it's humbling. In that same way, time must be understood properly by Christians to spend it well and live it well. This is God's will for us. He does not want us to be Past People in that we live with regrets, sins He forgave long ago; yet we've not forgiven ourselves, we've hurt each other in different ways, and perhaps the other person will not forgive no matter the apologies made. The Past People who God *does* want us to be will remember only blessings, good times, and constructive lessons. Also, God does not want us to be Future People in the direct way expressed in this text - we've suffered for food, clothing, health, and more in the past, so these may happen again. We worry, and Jesus Christ speaks directly to God's certain provision. In verse 34, he concludes, "sufficient for the day is its own trouble." The Past is out of our hands, the Future is out of our hands, out of our control. You see, Today, *right Now*, is the time He gives us that chance to actually put our hands on matters - to make decisions, to praise, to pray, to serve, to bless, laugh, cry - submit all to God's will. As we do, we are working with God, according to His will, love, wisdom, mercy, direction, authority, and more. Day by day, put your fingerprints on His will, and your Past and your Future are His and are filled with His amazing purpose. It's up to us. Be *Now* People.