

A jewel of more worth than a world

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**Time is a jewel more of worth than a world. Time is not
yours to dispose of as you please; it is a glorious talent
which men must be accountable for, as well as any other
talent. Of all talents, time is the hardest to use well.**

**Ah, beloved, have not you need to improve your
time, who have much work to do in a short time:**

**your souls to save,
a God to honor,
a Christ to exalt,
a hell to escape,
a race to run,
a crown to win,
temptations to withstand,
corruptions to conquer,
afflictions to bear,
mercies to improve, and
your generation to serve.**