SEIZE THE MOMENT!

CARPE DIEM -- "TO SEIZE THE MOMENT" or "TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES."

SEIZING THE MOMENT IS A BIBLICAL IDEA:

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven".

(Ephesians 5:15-16) Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

(1 Chronicles 12:32)
From Issachar, men who
understood the times and knew
what Israel should do...

(Esther 4:14) "And who knows if perhaps you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

OUR PRESENT OPPORTUNITY IS TO STEP INTO THE STIRRINGS OF REVIVAL IN OUR NATION.

FIVE STEPS TO SEIZE THE MOMENT:

1. Pray for the lost.

(Matthew 9:35-38 NIV) Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

(John 4:35 NIV) Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

(2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV) I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

WHEN THE FRUIT IS RIPE,
HARVESTING THE FRUIT
MUST BECOME A TOP
PRIORITY. ALL ELSE MUST
TAKE SECOND PLACE.

2. Accept the personal responsibility.

(Isaiah 6:8 NIV) Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

3. Build a personal relationship.

(1 Corinthians 9:22 NLT) I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.

4. Share your story.

(Acts 1:8 NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

5. Give a personal invitation.

(Luke 14:23 TLB) "Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full."

(1 Corinthians 3:6 NIV) I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. (Ecclesiastes 3:11Amplified) He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]