How to get or maximise time and chance?

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That’s a powerful and sobering passage—Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 reminds us that life doesn’t always go according to effort or ability, but time and chance play a major role in everyone’s journey.

Are there Bible verses that speak about how to *get* or *maximise* time and chance?

Here are some key verses:

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1. Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NIV)

> “Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.”

Message: Be diligent and consistent. You don’t know when your “chance” will come, so keep planting.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

> “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”

Message: Make plans, but stay in tune with God’s guidance—He orchestrates your moments of opportunity.

Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

> “…Whatever they do prospers.”

Message: The person who delights in God’s word and meditates on it is like a tree planted by water—fruitful **in season**. Stay rooted.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

> “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Message: Timing is God’s. Stay faithful, and your “chance” will come.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

> “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Message: Trusting God brings clarity and opens the right doors at the right time.

Luke 12:35-36 (NIV)

> “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning… so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.”

Message: Be ready—opportunities may come suddenly. Preparedness matters.

Ah, got it! You’re looking for scriptures that connect **“time and chance”**—or divine opportunity—with **Jesus**, the **Holy Spirit**, and **Paul’s teachings**. These moments of divine timing and grace aren’t always labeled “time and chance,” but they show how God opens doors, appoints times, and empowers us to walk into them, especially through Christ and the Spirit.

Here’s a collection based on that theme:

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1. Jesus & Divine Timing

John 7:6 (NIV)

> “Therefore Jesus told them, ‘My time is not yet here; for you any time will do.’”

Message: Jesus operated on **God’s perfect timing**, not human urgency. He knew when the right moment had come.

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

> “‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor… to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’”

Message: Jesus declared that **a divine window** of grace and opportunity had opened—a *kairos* moment (God’s appointed time).

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2. Holy Spirit & Guidance into Divine Moments

Acts 1:7-8 (NIV)

> “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you…”

Message: We may not control the timing, but the **Holy Spirit empowers us** to be ready when it comes.

Acts 8:29-30 (NIV)

> “The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it.’… Then Philip ran up to the chariot…”

Message: The Holy Spirit leads believers into **divine appointments**—opportunities we wouldn’t recognize otherwise.

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3. Paul on Making the Most of Time & Opportunity

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV)

> “Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

Message: Paul urges believers to **seize the moment**—redeem the time—with Spirit-led wisdom.

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2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NIV)

> "…Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

Message: Paul declares **"now"** is the divine moment—don't delay responding to God's grace.

Colossians 4:5 (NIV)

> "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."

Message: Use every "chance" God gives to walk in wisdom and be a witness.

Romans 8:14 (NIV)

> "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."

Message: The Holy Spirit leads us daily into the right moments—our "time and chance" is Spirit-directed.

Summary: How to Walk in Time and Chance (God's Way)

- **Stay filled with the Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:8)
- **Walk in wisdom and readiness** (Ephesians 5, Colossians 4)
- **Follow the Spirit's leading daily** (Romans 8:14)
- **Recognize God's divine moments** (2 Corinthians 6:2)
- **Trust Jesus' example of moving in God's time** (John 7:6)
