

# Nowness

## Life in the present tense

*Suggested Reading:* Deuteronomy 30:15–20

To paraphrase Deuteronomy 30:19, God is saying to us, “I have set before you this day Life or death, my blessing or the curse of my enemy Satan...*Now* choose life that you may live, by loving Me, by obeying My voice, and by holding fast to Me; for I am your life.” Let’s look at the idea of “now.”



## The Now

- ❖ Now refers to an infinitely small segment of time that contains only the present tense.
- ❖ Now does not contain any past.
- ❖ Now does not contain any future.
- ❖ Now is the only time you have.
- ❖ Now is the only place choice can happen.
- ❖ Now is the only place you can have Life.

## The Not-Now

The not-now has only two dimensions: the past and the future. It has no present. The enemy of God would rob you of the now by focusing you on the past in self-pity, bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, etc., or focusing you on the future through fear of what might happen; he would have you continually asking, “what if?” to keep you afraid of the future.

## Choose Now

God created us for relationship. Now is the only place of relationship and fellowship with God, with others, and with yourself.



You can't have a relationship with someone in the future or in the past. Now is the place you live, the place of Life, the place of being available to God for His purpose in your life. Now is the place where you discover the *next most needful thing* God has for you.

Jesus said, "I came that you might have life." That life only takes place in the present. The whole of the Christian walk, including three-dimensional Christianity and the Nesses (Simpleness, Nothingness, Willingness, Puppyness, Featherness, Nextness, Nowness, and Forgiveness) all happen in the "now."

God would have you fully present in the now: available to Him, responsive to Him, obedient to Him. He communicates with you only in the present, and He loves you in the now. You can only love God, others, and yourself in the now. Now is where you touch the heart of God, see His face, know His heart, know His love, discover His will for your life, walk in obedience, and finally are changed into his likeness. Choose now.

**Prayer:** Engage your heart and pray: "Father, I confess that I want to live and have Life in the now. I don't want to escape into the enemy's kingdom—the past or the future. I really want all you have for me in the now. I choose Life; I choose now. Change my heart to always desire the now. I give you permission to teach me Nowness."