

# **Carpe' Diem**



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As we have opportunity let us do good to all.  
Galatians 6:10

The evangelist Miles Monroe once said that the richest place in any neighborhood is not located at the local branch bank. It cannot be found at the corner grocery store or service station. You will not find it at the institutions of higher learning or even at the seat of government. To find the richest place in any neighborhood in America you don't have to look too hard or go that far, just look in your local cemetery. In your local cemetery you will find grand cathedrals that were never built, bestselling books that were never written, master pieces of art and sculpture that were never painted or sculpted, great inventions that were never invented, and great mysteries of science and medicine that were never discovered. Why? Because there, in your local cemetery, resides some of the most gifted, talented, and brilliant individuals who procrastinated when they should have seized the opportunity. They put off for tomorrow what they should have done today.

They didn't take advantage of the opportunity in front of them. They did not manage their time well. They did not **Carpe' Diem**.

The concept of **Carpe' Diem** emerged during the Renaissance Period when great philosophers, writers, and poets were contemplating the true essence of life and they came to the conclusion that mankind must learn to embrace the wonders of this life while they can. Well, before there was a Renaissance Period there was the Ecclesiastic, the wise one, the great preacher who admonished mankind to "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them." Solomon says to the young and to the young at heart embrace life now before time and circumstance can beat you down. Do all that you can do now! Be all that you can be now! As God gives you strength, ability, and opportunity do good now. "As we have opportunity let us do good to all." Galatians 6:10 And do it now! As we have the opportunity to love our neighbor, love our neighbor

now! If forgiveness is what is needed, forgive now!  
If someone needs food, feed now! If someone is  
naked, clothe now! If someone is sick, visit now! As  
we therefore have opportunity **Carpe' Diem!**

James, in more graphic terms takes **Carpe' Diem** to  
the next level. In chapter four of his epistle verses 13  
& 14 He writes *“Go to now, ye that say today or  
tomorrow we will go into the city and continue there  
a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:*

*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow.  
For what is your life? It is even a vapor that  
appeareth for a little time and vanisheth away.”* In  
other words, don't take now for granted for it is the  
only time that we have. Tomorrow is not promised to  
any of us. **Carpe' Diem!**

In the book of Acts Luke records a wonderful  
example of **Carpe' Diem**. It is the by chance  
encounter of Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. Hear  
Luke as he describes the Eunuch's response to  
reading from the book of Isaiah where the following  
was recorded: *“He was led as sheep to the slaughter;*

*and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened not his mouth:*

*In His humiliation His judgement was taken away: and who shall declare His generation? For His life is taken away from earth.”* Phillip asked the Eunuch if he understood what he had read and the Eunuch replied *“how can I except some man should guide me”* So Phillip, by divine guidance of the Holy Spirit taught him that whom he had read about was Jesus Christ. As they rode along together Phillip taught him that it was only through Jesus Christ that he could be saved and that he should be baptized according to Jesus’ great commission. As they passed a body of water the Eunuch, ready to accept Jesus as the Lord of his life, said *“here is water what doth hinder me to be baptized? The opportunity is before me now let’s **Carpe’ Diem!**”*

A Wise old gentle man once told me “Yesterday is a canceled check (money already spent), tomorrow is a promissory note, (Money that may or may not becoming), but today is ready cash (Money in your

hand!) You have your life's spending power in your hands now. Seize the day! **Carpe' Diem!**