I. The Bible Has Much To Say About Times And Seasons
   A. 1 Thess. 5:1–6—We are expected to recognize times and seasons
   B. Matt. 16:1–3—Likewise, “the signs of the times.” Therefore, we are all responsible to understand times and seasons
   C. Ecclesiastes 3:1–8—Fourteen pairs of opposites, offering practical wisdom for every area of life—but we must know the proper time for each
      1. How are we to know what to do when?
      2. Revelation speaks of time as a “mystery” (Rev. 10:5–7)
      3. Who holds the key? Only the Holy Spirit.
   D. Zechariah 4
      1. Candlestick = Church
      2. Olive oil = Holy Spirit
         Function of Church: to light—but not possible without the oil of the Holy Spirit
      3. Olive trees = Prophets (compare Rev. 11:3–10)
         a. The prophetic ministry supplies the church with continual fresh oil—an up-to-date understanding of God’s purposes
         b. Too often, the Church is living on stale oil. There are no “success formulas.”
   E. Haggai 1
      1. Three main ministries involved in process of restoration
         a. The governor = Oversight and authority
         b. The priests = Intercession
         c. The prophets = Channels of “fresh oil”
      2. The prophets showed the others the right time for building
   F. 2 Chron. 20:1–30
      1. Judah threatened by invading army. After prayer and fasting, God gave prophetic revelation: Specific plan of action
      2. This brought deliverance and victory
      3. Key verse: 2 Chron. 20:20
   G. Ephesians 2:14–15; 4:11–16
      1. God’s purpose: to produce one new man
      2. God’s first provision: the right man
      3. When this corporate new man appears on earth, he will reproduce the ministry of Jesus Himself
   H. 3 John 2
      1. God’s highest will is for our good in every area of our personality.
         a. This applies not only to individual believers, but also to the corporate new man.
         b. This will produce a manifestation of God’s goodness never hitherto demonstrated.
      2. Some suggested results:
         a. Healing of many sick not previously healed
b. New level of general prosperity  
c. Release of creative ability  
3. Filled with “fresh oil,” the Church will show forth the dazzling light of Jesus