

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Sneaky Jesus
John 7.1-13

“My time is not yet here...” John 7.6

Jesus had impeccable timing. He knew just the right time to go into Jerusalem; he knew the right time to speak and the words to say. He knew when to heal, to teach, to go into a town and leave that town. He knew when to rest. He knew when and how to react to his opponents. How did he know all this? How did he acquire such wisdom? Is it possible for us to obtain that wisdom and if so, how?

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90.12

How to be Sneaky Like Jesus (How to Gain Wisdom)

- 1. Take time to **LISTEN TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER** .

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. Luke 5.16

- 2. Take no-time to **DO WHAT HE SAYS** .

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. John 5.19

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2.3-6

- 3. Be aware of **TIME WASTERS** .

*And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to **wake up from your slumber**, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.* Romans 13.11 –14

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; **make the most of every opportunity**.* Colossians 4.5

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **making the most of every opportunity**, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Ephesians 5.15-20

- 4. The time **IS NOW** .

As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says,

*“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”*

*I tell you, **now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.*** 2 Corinthians 6.1-2

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?