



Sunday 31st October 2021

My dear brothers and sisters, greetings to you and your families.

With October at a close and November on our doorstep, it will be time to turn back the clocks and await the onset of winter. Turning back time is an interesting concept not because of what it does to our days and nights but more importantly the value of what time actually is. As always here is a short story that encapsulates this sentiment.

A Very Special Bank Account

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited £86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every pound each day!

We all have such a bank. Its name is 'Time'. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

This week, as the clocks back, perhaps we can spend some time reflecting on this message and look at those areas in our lives where we need to make adjustments and identify some priorities. My brothers and sisters, how wonderful it will be to know that we shall use some of our times this week, to put smiles on people's faces, especially those that come our ways. Make every second, minute, hour and day count.

I wish you and your families a blessed week ahead.

May God nourish you with infinite wisdom and guide you on your path.

Yours,

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