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Why are frogs always so happy? They eat whatever bugs them.

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Why should you never play poker at the zoo? Too many cheetahs

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What do you call a nose with no body? No body nose.

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Never confide in a vacuum cleaner. They are always collecting dirt.

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A Roman walks into a café, holds up two fingers, and gets five coffees.

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Have you heard the joke about yoga? Never mind, it's a bit of a stretch.

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A woman approached President Lincoln after a political speech... If you were my husband, I would poison your tea. Lincoln replied...if you are my wife, I'll gladly drink it.

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How do you make a tissue dance? Put a little boogie in it.

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I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.

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What do you call a really loud guy? Mike.

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Q. Why do surfboard riders like mega, extra-large, jumbo waves? A. They do not like the heat and the charge they receive in a microwave.

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Q: What time is it when the clock strikes 13? A: Time to get a new clock.

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The Indian said: "White man crazy! White man thinks he can cut the top foot off of a blanket and sew it on the bottom of the blanket and have a longer blanket! Early tomorrow morning, he is going to cut the bottom foot off of the blanket and sew it back on the top of the blanket! Crazy man! Where is all of the time he saved the last seven months?"

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The Value of Time

There is nothing shorter than time, but there is nothing more valuable. There is nothing shorter than time; because the past is no more, the future is uncertain, and the present is but a moment. What is your life? It is a vapor which appeareth for a little while. But the time of this life is as precious as it is short; for in every moment, if we spend it well, we can acquire treasures of merits for heaven; but, if we employ time badly, we may in each moment commit sin and merit hell. Saint Paul writes to the Corinthians, "*Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*" The Apostle exhorts us not to spend unprofitably the present time, which he calls the day of salvation; because, perhaps, after this day of salvation, there shall be no salvation for us. The time is short. Hence, we should use this world not to enjoy its transitory goods, but to merit eternal life.

"*Son, observe the time.*" (Ecclesiasticus 4:23). Son, learn to preserve time, which is the most precious and the greatest gift that God can bestow upon you. Saint Bernadine of Siena teaches that time is of as much value as God; because in every moment of time well spent, the possession of God is merited. He adds that in every instant of this life a man may obtain the pardon of his sins, the grace of God, and the glory of paradise. Saint Bonaventure says, "No loss is of greater moment than the loss of time."

Saint Bernard says that, though there is nothing more precious than time, there is nothing less valuable in the estimation of men. You will see some people spending four or five hours in play. If you ask them why they lose so much time, they answer, "To amuse ourselves." Others remain half the day standing in the street, or looking out from a window. If you ask them what they are doing, they shall say in reply, that they are passing the time. And why, says the same Saint, do you lose this time? Why should you lose even a single hour, which the mercy of God gives you to weep for your sins and to acquire the divine grace?

All time, despised by men during life, how much shall you be desired at the hour of death, and particularly in the other world! Time is a blessing which we enjoy only in this life; it is not enjoyed in the next; it is not found in heaven nor in hell. In hell, the damned exclaim with tears; "Oh, that an hour were given to us!" They would pay any price for an hour or for a minute, in which they might repair their eternal ruin. But this hour or minute they shall never have. In heaven, there is no weeping, but were the Saints capable of sorrow, all their wailing should arise from the thought of having lost in this life the time in which they could have acquired greater glory, and from the conviction that this time shall nevermore be given to them.

On the day of judgment, Jesus Christ shall demand an account, not only of every month and day that has been lost, but even of every idle word. Jesus shall likewise demand an account of every moment of the time which you shall lose. According to Saint Bernard, all time which is not spent for God is lost time. What you can do today defer not till tomorrow; for on tomorrow you may be dead, and may be gone into another world, where you shall have no more time to do good, and where you shall only enjoy the reward of your virtues, or suffer the punishment due to your sins. *Today if you shall hear His voice harden not your hearts.* God calls you to confess your sins, to restore ill-gotten goods, to be reconciled with your enemies. Obey His call today; for it may happen that on tomorrow time may be no more for you, or that God will call you no more. All our salvation depends on corresponding with the divine calls, and at the time that God calls us.

The devil regards the whole of our life as very short, and therefore he loses not a moment of time but tempts us day and night. The enemy, then, never loses time in seeking to bring us to hell, and shall we squander the time that God has given us to save our souls?

Saint Augustine says: "How can you promise yourself another day, when you know not whether you shall live another hour?" Saint Teresa says, "If you are not prepared to die today, tremble, lest you die an unhappy death." That day once lost shall never return.

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, says to all: "*Walk whilst you have light, that the darkness overtake you not.*" Walk in the way of salvation, now that you have the light, before you are surprised by the darkness of death, in which you can do nothing. You can then only weep over the time which you have lost. At the hour of death, conscience will remind us of all the time which we have had to become saints, and which we have employed in multiplying our debts to God. At that awful moment we shall also see that the way of salvation is closed forever. In the midst of these remorse, and of the torturing darkness of death, the dying sinner shall say: O fool that I have been! Oh, life misspent! Oh lost years, in which I could have gained treasures of merits, and have become a saint! But I have neglected both, and now the time of saving my soul is gone forever. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, does not tell us to prepare ourselves when death approaches, but to be ready for his coming; because when we think least of death, the Son of man shall come and demand an account of our whole life.

"Whilst we have time, let us work good." (Galatians 6:10).

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