IT'S ABOUT TIME

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LEADER: Time Flies – Times Up – Time Marches On – Hurry Up – Time To Go – ASAP – PDQ – Where Did the Time Go? – I'm Out of Time – Is It Time? – Maybe Next Time – So Little Time – There's Not Enough Time

DARKNESS: AHHH...TIME, my favorite tool. I love to see you earthlings scurrying around, you should see yourselves; going in circles - faster and faster. You never have enough time. *YESSZZ*. You fall for my trap every time. (cackles)

LIGHT: STOP! You are a liar and the Father of Lies. I created all time and eternity. I set the sun in the heavens. It is written: "Have *you* commanded the morning since *your* days began, and caused the dawn to know it's place?" (Job 38:12)

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LEADER: Wasted Time – Squandered Time – Changing Time – Footprints of Time – Wrecks of Time – Take your Time – Simpler Times – Hands of Time – Time to Smell the Roses – Save Time – Kill Time – A Little at a Time – Time Just Got Away from Me

DARKNESS: For "goodness sake" You are much too busy. Why burden yourselves with studying this Esther woman and all that stuff? You do such a good job of being busy. That's just "Hell-larious." Besides, it's *Sooo* Boring.

LIGHT: Listen, Darkness, They have my promise: "Come to me, all who are heavy-laden. Yes, take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:29-30)

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LEADER: Long Time – Short Time – We Had a Great Time – Make Time – My Valuable Time – Time on My Hands – Time of Your Life – What a Time – Better Times – Record Times – It's High Time – I Don't Have Time for That – It Happens Every Time – Every Time – Best of Times – Worst of Times

DARKNESS: I have the best!! I have it all. No need for you to **go anywhere**. Don't leave your comfort zone, just be cozy in my world. I have the best movies, *YESSSZZ*, the best entertainment. I have it all for you. Why go anywhere? Why serve anybody else?

LIGHT: Stop speaking, you who bring the counterfeit ways to them. You are the angel of light, but hear me: "The true Light has come, the Light shines in the darkness and your darkness has not overcome it. I am the Light of the world." (John 1:4-5)

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LEADER: Time is of the Essence – Leisure Time – Family Time – Dinner Time – No Time – It's Right Around the Corner – Time Share – Time Crunch – Time Management – A Minute of Your Time – Bedtime – Down Time

DARKNESS: YESSZZ... I know how tired you are. Forget about all these studies. Oh, you need rest. Nap times and yes, early bedtime. You deserve a break today, I know. Take your time. Idle hands are the best. You are sooo tired.

LIGHT: Be silent thief. You have no permission here. They have a promise: "Those who wait for me shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; walk and not faint." (Isa.40:31, Matt. 11:28)

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LEADER: I've Told You a Million times – This is the Last Time I'm Going to Tell You – Time Heals All Wounds – Troubled Times – Once Upon a Time – Frozen in Time – Time Stood Still – Two-Timer – It's Almost Time – Time After Time – Time is Money

DARKNESS: Ohhh....I love money. Think of all it can buy. Be sensible, it's your money after all. You earned it! Go ahead, be selfish, keep it. It's OK to be greedy. Let everybody else take care of themselves.

LIGHT: No more lust of the eyes talk. "It is my good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:32-34)

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LEADER: Time Well Spent – Time-Honored – Peace Time – Daylight Savings Time – Spring Time – Harvest Time – Summertime – Vacation Time – I've Got to Find the Time – Maybe Next Time – Do You Have the Time? – Doing Time – Running Out of Time

DARKNESS: I know. You are out of time down here. It's just too late for you. Let somebody else do it. Who do you think you are? Don't think of your life as important. After all, how could one woman make any difference at all?

LIGHT: You are wrong, again! My word is: "I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you hope and a future, not of calamity. You will call me and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me." (Jer. 29:11-13) Get thee behind me, Darkness.

DARKNESS: Oh No! Not the Word, again! I had to hear that for forty days once. (darkness moves to stand behind the leader, as light moves to stand in front of leader)

LIGHT: "Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap my love, for <u>it is the time</u> to seek me, the Lord, that I may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hosea 10:12)

(Leader and Light move together to lead all)

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(The Three Exit)