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# A LEAP SECOND

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Recently, I found a two-year-old news item, saying that yet another leap second added to the atomic clock.

Now that the scientists have invented this most accurate measurement of the earth's motion, the atomic clock, we even have to add leap seconds to leap years, in order to maintain the accuracy. A second is important to navigators, to whom one millionth of a second can cause the difference of a quarter of a mile in position. Since the motion of the earth is not as exact as the time, so we have to reset the clock now and then.

There have been 20 leap seconds added since the year 1972. For us, the common people, who don't even care about one hour or one day, why all the bother about one second? Maybe that's why, on our voyage of life, we are drifting here and there and we bump into each other frequently.

The Bible teaches us: Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.(Eph 5:16)

Isn't it strange that 'the days are evil' is the reason for 'redeeming the time'? If we look around us, we'll understand what it means. The computer is a device invented to save our time, but instead, it occupies and robs our time. The soap operas on TV change our schedules and lifestyles. Because the days are evil, all useful things have become evil, so that our time is wasted and our lives are futile.

'Redeeming' means you can change now. Starting with this New Year, make the best of your time and use every opportunity to improve yourself, to help people and to glorify the Lord. Furthermore, God will grant you many leap seconds to redeem you wasted time.

Happy New Year!

