



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“To achieve lasting social change, you must first have soul change.”

Time Changer

It is truly amazing how the Lord works. There have been times when I did not know what my next devotion would be about. Then the Lord popped something in my life. This was one of those times.

The other day I was going through the channels and movie apps that we have through our cable provider. In the Sci-Fi section, I stumbled on this movie called “Time Changer” about a time machine and a Bible professor. I started watching it while washing the dishes. It was a little slow until the 1890 when Bible professor was transported to our century. I was so impressed with the acting, humor, professionalism, story, and message that I told my wife that we had to continue watching together. From a Christian aspect everything was Biblically correct and the plan of salvation was presented several times clearly, tactfully, and lovingly. Watch the [trailer](#) and [“The Making of Time Changer”](#).

“The movie mixes humor with reality and features a star-studded cast and an interesting time machine. Now, I (Holly McClure Movie Reviewer) have to admit-at first, I thought this PG family drama was a little too conservative and overly “preachy” for today’s movie-going audiences. But as I sat there and became convicted of the real message in this movie and saw how it aptly applies to society today, I realized it presents a solid story that will have audiences thinking about what’s really important in life and how importantly God needs to be kept in our culture.”¹

The plot is set in the year 1890, about a Bible professor named Russell Carlisle, played by D. David Morin. He had written a manuscript called, “The Changing Times”, which promotes good morals without discussing Christ. Dr. Norris Anderson, played by Gavin MacLeod, believed what Russell had written would negatively affect the future of coming generations. The only way to convince Russell about the error in the manuscript was to send him into the future so that he can see for himself.

“Arriving in the early 21st century, Russell is shocked to find that half of all marriages end in divorce (instead of 5% in 1890), teenagers talk openly about deceiving their parents, movies contain blasphemous language and people who go to church are so (unmoved) by the sermons that they need extra activities. He tries to convince a laundromat worker, Eddie Martinez (Paul Rodriguez), to go to church and read the Bible. Two churchgoing men grow suspicious of Russell, who acts as if he’s seeing everything for the first time. They confront him as he is about to be transported back to the past.”²

Upon returning back to 1890, Russell rewrote his manuscript and named it “Time Changer” instead of “The Changing Times” It now promoted Christ then morals in hopes that it would be a time changer.

The takeaway from this movie is that we should not compromise our evangelism mission because of the changing times. But today, we fear offending someone by mentioning God, Jesus or hell but it is OK if used in a cursing manner. We have become tolerant to lower moral standards, disobedience, sin and selfishness. Coffee rooms have replaced prayer rooms in churches. Church sports draw more people than evangelism services. We falsely believe that anyone with good morals is going to heaven. We must have soul change before social change. We are called to be the present time changer.



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“If any man be **in Christ**, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” I Cor 5:17



¹www.crosswalk.com/culture/features/time-changer-movie-review-1168214.html

²en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_Changer

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