The sundial is a timepiece that was used for centuries. However, there were other means of measuring time as well. Even during the night watches in biblical times there had to be means of measuring hours. Man cannot control time or change it. All we can do is monitor it and trust God to give us the time we daily attempt to manage.

The invention of time devices came about for the purpose of monitoring and managing time. We monitor time by increments from millennia, centuries, decades, years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, seconds, to milliseconds. We even measure the speed of sound in feet per second and light in light years. We use these to measure great distances and the time it would take to travel through the vastness of space.

We monitor and manage our lives by using calendars and clocks. We set appointments, leave for work and school, lie down, wake up, and plan vacations and holidays. We eat meals, spend time with family, and attend church by using the measuring tools of time. In addition, we daily schedule many other tasks using these tools.

By utilizing calendars we make plans and set goals. We plan days, weeks, months and even years into our futures. These tools are very important to our success.

Time is precious. You cannot replace it. In addition, no matter how hard we try, we cannot move time backward or manipulate it in any way. We have a certain amount allotted to us, so plan it wisely.