Time

Expanding Your Greek Vocabulary

Nouns for Time in General

- ὁ καῖρος, "time, occasion, opportunity"
- ὁ χρόνος, "time"

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Specific Periods of Time

- ἡ ὥρα, "hour, moment, point in time"
- τὸ ἔτος, "year"
  - 3rd declension (γενος-type)
    - Genitive sing. is ἐτους
    - Nom. and acc. plural are ἐτη
- ἡ ἡμέρα, "day"
  - related adverb σημερον, "today"
- ἡ νύξ, "night"
  - 3rd declension (παις-type)
    - Genitive sing. νυκτος
    - Dat. Plur. νυξι (νυκτ + σι)

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Talking about "When"

- ὅτε, "when"
  - Near-synonym ὅταν, "when"
- πότε, "when?" or "ever"
- τότε, "then, at that time"
- παντότε, "always, at any time"
- So we can ask "when" questions with ποτε
  - Ποτε ἤλθες πολει; "When did you come into the city?"

More Temporal Adverbs

- *οὖν*, "then, at that time; next, subsequently"
- *εὐθύς*, "right away, quickly"
  - Indeclinable as an adverb
  - *εὐθέως*, "right away, immediately"
- *πάλιν*, "again, back, backwards"
- *ἄρτι*, "now, at this moment"
- *νῦν*, "now"
  - Alternate form *νυνί*

More Temporal Adverbs

- ἤδη, "already"
- οὔπω, "not yet"
- ἔτι, "yet, still"
  - οὐκέτι, "no longer, never"
  - μηκέτι, "no longer, never"
- ἐπεί, "since"

Εὐθυς as an Adjective

- εὐθύς, -εῖα, -ύ, "straight, direct; right"
  - 3–1–3 adjective
  - Real stem in masc. and neut: ευθε-
    - Like πολις-type and γενος-type
    - Except εὐθυ- stem in nom. & acc. sing.
  - Stem in fem.: εὐθει-
    - Otherwise regular 1st declension

	Masc.	Fem.	Neut.	
nom.	εὐθυς	εὐθεια	εὐθυ	singular
gen.	εὐθους	εὐθειας	εὐθους	
dat.	εὐθει	εὐθειᾳ	εὐθει	
acc.	εὐθυν	εὐθειαν	εὐθυ	
voc.	εὐθυ	εὐθεια	εὐθυ	
nom.	εὐθεις	εὐθειαι	εὐθη	plural
gen.	εὐθεων	εὐθειων	εὐθεων	
dat.	εὐθεσι	εὐθειαις	εὐθεσι	
acc.	εὐθεας	εὐθειας	εὐθη	
voc.	εὐθεις	εὐθειαι	εὐθη	

Genitive of Time

- Sometimes a genitive noun gives the period of time when something happens
  - Modifying a verb or action noun
  - Often translated with "during"

- Luke 18:12
  - Νηστευω δις του σαββατου
    - "I usually fast twice during the sabbath"
  - Notice the genitive modifies the verb νηστευω
    - Not modifying a nominal as with most genitives