

‘Now’ Is The Time !

*“² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.³ And Moses said, I will **now** turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” - Exodus 3:2-3.*

In addition to making a ‘split second’ decision to will himself to momentarily abandon his flock to investigate the burning bush, Moses had to also decide when he would make such a step. He decided that ‘now’ was the time for him to make that change! He did not procrastinate and put off his desire to act for a later time. He seized the moment!

‘Procrastination’ is one of the biggest enemies of ‘change.’ Sometimes we look and may see an opportunity, and even purpose in our hearts to make that change. However, the risk seems too great to take, and we put off that decision for a later time. Of course, that time never arrives, and the opportunity is long gone.

The Bible has a few choice words concerning ‘procrastination:’

“⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” - Luke 9:59-62

Each believer is called to ‘go and proclaim the kingdom of God’ in his or her own unique way. Yet we procrastinate because there are more pressing matters to which we must attend.

“⁴ Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.” - Ecclesiastes 11:4.

Sometimes we wait and wait for the right moment before we can act. Of course, that time never comes. The above scripture reminds us that there will never be the right moment when all the conditions are perfect before we can make that change.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 also identifies an individual who looks at everything that seems to be going wrong - the ‘wind’ and the ‘clouds.’ He seems not to be able to embrace and focus on what is going right! It’s like a person who looks at the proverbial donut and always sees the hole - what is missing - and never appreciates the sugar-coated dough in front of his eyes. ‘Donut’ procrastinate! Now is the time!

“¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.” - Ecclesiastes 9:10

This scripture provides a reality check that our days are numbered here on earth, and we should really be diligent in doing what needs to be done today, instead of putting it off for a later date which may never come. Death is final and we know that there are many persons who continue to die without fulfilling their divine purpose. Let us not be counted among those.

I saw this written somewhere “Dream Big. Set Goals. Take Action.” But it should really read “Dream Big. Set Goals. Take Action *Now*.”

There is always hope once there is life. It means that there is something still to be done while you are alive. Listen to that nagging voice of the Holy Spirit concerning that thing you were supposed to do so many years ago. The same thing that you know is God’s plan for your life. You have prayed about it, and others have confirmed it through many prophecies. Yet the enemy has somehow caused you either to become too busy or too afraid to take the risk. Yet it remains undone, as though waiting for

the right conditions. I understand this situation well, because what I am saying here also applies to me.

But there is still time. Let's revisit those 'burning bush' moments, and will ourselves **now** to make that first step, just as Moses did. Be blessed.

Key Principles:

- 1. The time is now. Seize the moment, and take a bold step in faith.**
- 2. Don't allow the cares of this world to cause you to procrastinate, and put off for a later time, what needs to be done now.**
- 3. Don't expect nor wait for life's conditions to be right before you act.**
- 4. Our days are numbered here on earth. Time waits on no one.**
- 5. "Dream Big. Set Goals. Take Action **Now**."**

Heavenly Father,

I praise Your Holy name and thank You for life. Where there is life there is hope. I declare that there is still hope in me to fulfill what I am called to do on this earth. Help me to seized the moment NOW ! Through faith in You, I don't allow the cares of this world to blind my sight, and to cause me to become a procrastinator! As I walk in my purpose, I see divine opportunities and I lay hold of them. I act NOW. I am not discouraged by the conditions of life, which are never perfect. Instead, I recognize that my days are numbered here on earth, and I make each day count as I go and proclaim the kingdom of God in my unique way. I dream big! I set goals! I take action NOW! In Jesus' name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

Memory Verse: "Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap." - Ecclesiastes 11:4.

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