

You Have Stayed Long Enough!

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

Deut 1:5-8

5. East of the Jordan in the territory of Moab, Moses began to expound this law, saying:

6. The LORD our God said to us at Horeb, "You have stayed long enough at this mountain.

7. Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates.

8. See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers--to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob--and to their descendants after them."

Deut. 2:1-3

1. Then we turned back and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea, as the LORD had directed me. For a long time we made our way around the hill country of Seir.

2. Then the LORD said to me,

3. "You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn north.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Numbers 13:30 - Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

1. You have stayed in your past long enough... God wants you to press on into your future!

Pr. 23:17-18

17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.

18 There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

Phil. 3:13-14

13. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

14. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

2. You have stayed in your failure long enough... God wants you to make great progress!

1 Corinthians 10:11-13

11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Timothy 4:14-16

14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The Apostle Paul expected progress for his churches...

Philippians 1:24-26

24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

3. You have stayed in bondage long enough... God wants you to break out with boldness!

I Cor. 1:30 NLT - "He made us pure and holy, he gave Himself to purchase our freedom."

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Acts 4:31 - After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

4. You have stayed in intimidation long enough... God wants you to be intimate with Him!

I John 4:15 (MSG) - "Everyone who confesses Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God."

1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Psalm 112:6-8

6 Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

7 They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

8 Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Vs.8 NLT - "The righteous are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly."

6. You have stayed in poverty long enough... God wants you to experience prosperity!

Deut. 30:11-20

11. Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.

12. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

13. Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

14. No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

15. See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

16. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

17. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them,

18. I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

20. and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

7. You have stayed in powerlessness long enough... God wants you to be empowered by the Holy Spirit!

1 Corinthians 4:20 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Luke 24:49 - I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Luke 9:1-2

1. When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,

2. and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Matthew 10:1 - Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Matthew 10:8 - Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Luke 9:2 - and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 10:9 - Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Mk 16:17-20

17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.

20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

8. You have stayed in your mess long enough... God wants you to experience your miracle!

Josh. 3:5 - Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

Jer. 32:27 - "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Lk. 18:27 - Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

Mk. 9:23 - "'If you can?'" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Eph 3:20-21

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

9. You have stayed in worry long enough... God wants you to be a worshipper!

Matthew 6:25-27

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

John 4:24 "The Father is looking for worshipers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth."

Acts 18:7 - Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God

10. You have stayed in defeat long enough... and God wants you to fulfill your destiny!

Psalms 73:24 "You will keep on guiding me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny."

2 Timothy 4:1-4

1. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

2. Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

3. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

4. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.