



Your Appointed Time

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Dear Partner,

I pray you had a very Merry Christmas and you have heard from God exactly what He wants you to accomplish for this year.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 states *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:* This scripture let's us know that everything that has purpose (according to the Word) has a season, a time for it to come to pass. **Because you are alive, that means your life has purpose.** Because you have purpose, there is a set time and a season for things to come to pass in your life. The word **season** can be defined as an appointed occasion, a special period, to become mature and to add relish. The word **time** can be defined as a moment or date fixed for an event, a measurement of duration, a system for identifying a moment. Let's make Ecclesiastes 3:1 more personal by saying "For everything that God has for you, there is an appointed occasion, a special period, a moment or fixed date for that occasion." This is not to say that we are puppets and we have no control over it, quite the opposite. **We have the responsibility of staying in God's timing.**

God is indeed the ultimate Planner. You were not born without a plan being set and established for your life. Absolutely NO ONE is on this planet as a surprise to God! **There is a plan and purpose for your life and God has not forgotten you!**

Jeremiah 1:5 *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Our Father, God, is such a planner that He has already set the exact day and the exact hour to send Jesus back to come get us. **(Matthew 24:36)(Mark 13:32)**

As I stated before, **we** have a responsibility to stay on God's timing. Although there are appointed times and dues seasons, that does not relinquish us from our responsibilities in life. Let's look at 3 scriptures to illustrate this point.

Genesis 17:21 *But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.*

Genesis 21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Genesis 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

From the above scriptures, we can see that there was a **"set time"** for Isaac to be born. Although there was a "set time", for Isaac to be born, Abraham and Sarah still had to act on God's Word (by faith) and do what needed to be done to conceive a child! This was an act of faith since they both were past the years of physically being able to have a child. They had a big part to play in the "set time" event of the birth of Isaac coming to pass. Isaac was not born of a virgin, so you see my point. Abraham and Sarah had to be obedient and act on God's Word (when it was spoken) in order for them to see the Word of God (God's promise) come to pass in the next year! (See Gen. 17:21)

What has God spoken to you? What Word from God should you be acting on right now? Whatever it is, He is preparing you for a "set time" for His Word to come to pass in your life! It may be this year; it may be next. **But your obedience TODAY will determine whether or not you stay on His schedule.** If He is speaking to you to do something right now, there is a reason for it a purpose for it.

Habakkuk 2:3-4 ³For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. ⁴Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith

We can see in **Habakkuk 2:3-4** there is an appointed time for visions to come to pass, but it will take our faith to run with the vision. It takes faith to act on God's Word; but that's what our life is all about...the just live by faith. It's a lifestyle.

I want to encourage you to read **1 Peter 5:6**, **Galatians 6:9** and **Psalms 1:2-3**. Notice the conditions of our due season. We are responsible for doing our part in order for us to see our "due season" come to pass! When your "set time" and "due season" arrives, will it find you in obedience? Will it find you having done your part like Abraham & Sarah? Be encouraged to know that you do have the ability to do whatever you need to do! God is ordering your steps. **Just listen to Him and obey.** When you do, you will find Him right there, at your set time waiting with your promise.

In His Timing,

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MINISTRY UPDATE

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