

Weekly Morning Meditations

Evidence of Spiritual Growth

Monday

*But let **patience have her perfect work**, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:4 [KJV]*

EVIDENCE #1: DISCERN DELAY

DISCERN (WEB-to perceive or recognize; make out clearly)

DELAY (WEB-to put off to a future time; postpone; make late; slow up; detain)

PATIENCE (GK-hupomone [endurance])
(WEB-the will or ability to wait or endure without complaint)

PERFECT (GK-teleios [complete, mature])
(WEB-complete in all respects; without defect or omission; sound; flawless)

DELAY IS GOD'S WAY OF SAYING
'ITS NOT TIME YET'

DELAY IS A SIGNAL THAT

1. someone (or something) must be **PREPARED**
2. someone (or something) must be **REPAIRED**
3. someone (or something) must be **DECLARED**

FOR MEDITATION

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and **he shall exalt thee to inherit the land**: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. Psalm 37:34 [KJV]

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lament. 3:25 [KJV]

For 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....** Habakkuk 2:3 [KJV]

REMEMBER: IT'S COMING!!!!

Wednesday

*Seest thou how **faith wrought with his works**, and by works was faith made perfect? James 2:22 [KJV]*

EVIDENCE #2: DO THE 'DO'

EVIDENCE (WEB-[that] which makes something else easy to see or perceive; [that which makes clear, obvious, plain, or apparent])

IF GOD SAID IT
AND YOU BELIEVE IT
THEN JUST DO IT!

WHAT SHALL I 'DO'?

1. DO the **RIGHT** thing
*For with what **judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged**: and with **what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again**. Matthew 7:2 [KJV]*
2. DO the **REAL** thing
But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: Matthew 5:37 [KJV]
3. DO the **RESPONSIBLE** thing
*But if any **provide not for his own**, and **specially for those of his own house**, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 1 Tim. 5:8 [KJV]*
4. DO the **RADICAL** thing
*If thine enemy be hungry, **give him bread to eat**; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: Prov 25:21 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek **offer also the other**; and him that taketh away thy cloke **forbid not to take thy coat also**. Luke 6:29*
5. DO the **ROYAL** thing
...I am your father and master, but where are the honor and respect I deserve? You have despised my name!"But you ask, 'How have we ever despised your name?' "You have despised my name by offering defiled sacrifices on my altar. "Then you ask, 'How have we defiled the sacrifices?' "You defile them by saying the altar of the Lord deserves no respect. When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn't that wrong? And isn't it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!" says the Lord Almighty. Mal1:6-8 [NLT]

Friday

*For in many things we offend all. If any man **offend not in word, the same is a perfect man**, and able also to bridle the whole body. James 3:2 [KJV]*

EVIDENCE #3: DEMONSTRATE DISCRETION

DISCRETION (WEB-the quality of being careful about what one says or does; prudence; the ability to keep silent or preserve confidences when necessary)

THE LORD SHALL FIGHT FOR YOU,
AND YE SHALL HOLD YOUR PEACE (Ex 14:14)

DISCRETION IS THE ABILITY TO SAY or DO

- the RIGHT THING (WHAT)
- the RIGHT WAY (HOW)
- in the RIGHT PLACE (WHERE)
- at the RIGHT TIME (WHEN)

AN SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE

NEHEMIAH (Neh 2:11-16)

AN UNSUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE

HEZEKIAH (2 Kings 20:13-17)

FOR MEDITATION

A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: **he will guide his affairs with discretion**. Psalm 112:5 [KJV]

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; Proverbs 17:9 [KJV]

But when thou doest alms, **let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth**: [4] That thine alms may be in secret: and thy **Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly**. Matthew 6:3-4 [KJV]