

WORDS FOR MEDITATION (15)

Rev 3:8 Don't confuse previous experience and/or success as being confirmation of God's will when a new door opens. An open door is not proof of God's will, it is simply an opportunity to act. We must always seek God for both His will and our preparation before moving through an open door.

Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8, 12-14; Acts 2:1-4, 41-42 There are two types of people: those who cause revival and those who benefit from revival. Revival is *not* a sovereign move of God. His power revealed in revival is sovereign, but revival is ushered in by people who want it.

Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Peter 5:8 Isolation is one of the greatest tools of the enemy. [People who allow problems, circumstances, embarrassment over actions, decisions, and so on to keep them out of church are isolating themselves. However, a person can attend church and still be isolated. Isolation leads to a weakened spiritual condition. Predator animals seek to isolate and separate from the group prey which are young, inexperienced, sick or wounded. The wounds in a Believer can be inflicted by others through words or actions. The wounds in a Believer can also be self-inflicted through feelings of guilt, unworthiness, regret or condemnation. A wounded Christian is to devils what an injured, bleeding animal is to a hungry lion. But remember, the sharpened blade of words and actions cannot inflict a wound if you refuse to take an offense.]

Eph 5:15-16, 2 Cor 5:9-10 No one has ever been fully used of God until first learning to be alone with Him. One of Satan's greatest weapons is to subtly steal your time. Without time, what can you do? We must develop a lifestyle of using time wisely. Spend every moment with eternity in mind. Visualizing 2 Cor 5:10 will help cut things out of our lives; visualize this verse as a daily event.

Psalm 127:1, Zechariah 4:6, Matt 7:24-27 Approach matters as though the Lord is your partner. Ask, "Are you involved with this, Lord?" Anything that is built by the Spirit will stand by the Spirit; any other foundation won't stand. Praying in the Spirit is a cornerstone for construction. If started and built by the Holy Spirit, He will finish it. He *will not* start something and leave it half finished to go start something else. Never start something if you cannot finish it. Think of all the unfinished things in your life: the time it took to start and get part-way through was wasted; it could have been used praying in the Spirit or doing something else more productive. It is not wasted time only if you finish what you started. However, to go back and try to finish something that God didn't initiate is not ignorant, it's foolish. [Do not allow guilt to drive you to finish what God did not initiate. In the natural, such an unfinished project may seem like a failure to others, but to God, it is a successful victory in redeeming your time.]

Psalm 27:14, Psalm 37:7-9, Psalm 130:5, Isaiah 40:31; Colos 1:9-11 Patience, patience, patience. How many mistakes have you made because you waited on God too long? How many mistakes have you made because you didn't wait on Him long enough? The Holy Spirit leads; demons drive. Driven decisions collapse. If Satan cannot stop or destroy your ministry, he will change tactics to try and accelerate you past your anointing. Do not walk beyond your anointing and favor. Patience will keep you under the cloud by day and the fire by night.