

## **Purpose or Procrastination**

Are we a people of purpose or procrastination?

**NOW!!**

Procrastination: to habitually and intentionally postpone or put off – root meaning is “of tomorrow”

Full blown procrastination has a hidden agenda of never doing -

### **Causes:**

1. Worldly Entanglements - Gen. 19:16 (Lot)
2. Other Cares – Mark 9:17-27 (delays) - Seek ye first the kingdom of God. Matt. 6:33
3. Personal convenience - Acts 24:24-25 (Felix)
4. Not Capable - Exo. 3:11 – Exo. 4:10 - (Moses) Phil 4:13
5. Not Sociably acceptable - Judges 6:15 (Gideon)
6. Don't See a Need. - Matt. 25:43-45 –  
Must be sensitive to God. We can be blessed by anyone & can bless anyone.
7. Excuses – Luke 14:18 - they block change, they block right movement in God, they remove us from personal responsibility – they are nails in the house of failure. They cause us to miss divine appointments or moments.

### **God hates Sin!**

We must not tolerate sin. - James 4:17 - **What you tolerate you will never change**

**God wants change, change begins with our desire to change.**

Procrastination is self-exalting, it benefits ME. - I will do it later! Putting things off!!

(Keeps the control in your court) It is rooted in pride. (in the big “I”)

Can become Idolatry and/or rebellion because of the disobedience

(being stubborn to move or act) - I Sam. 15:23

**Lethargy/Laziness**

God tells us to humble ourselves - I Pet. 5:6,7

When asked about doing something for church etc.

I'll go home and pray about it or, Oh I'm not called to do that.

Well what are you called to do?

Called: I Cor. 1:9, Rom. 1:7, I Pet 2:19-24, Gal 5:13 – **Matt. 28:19,20**

God hates pride. Prov. 6 – Pride and fear are kissing cousins

When we fear we do not trust God, so we trust in ourselves (pride)

Procrastination steals the opportunity to do for God NOW, today – God is now, don't put it off –

Divine moments set the momentum for your forward movement in God.

We cannot afford to miss meeting etc. that God wants us to be in. Especially when we use natural excuses not to attend.

Procrastination causes us to fear making decisions. Fear commitment & responsibility

- Fear brings torment – I John 4:18 Fear is one of the main causes of procrastination.
- Fear of man causes hesitation – Prov. 29:25

**Pray and cast out fear - II Tim. 1:7 - James 4:7**

Procrastination will cause death to your life in God. - Causes you to draw back, become still, no movement - Makes you weak, negative, wishy washy, undependable, lack of honor or integrity of your word.

## Purpose

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Purpose, anything set up, planned, acted upon to attain an end

A manufacturer has a purpose for something and then makes a product to fulfill the original purpose he had in mind. God had in His mind a purpose, so being God he made this purpose and then backed up and created you to fulfill the purpose he made.

Webster says - The object, goal toward which one strives, our aim, intention - why something exists. Not done accidentally, but by design.

## BASICS

1. Press towards the mark **(Lot's Wife)**  
Phil 3:14 Forget the past. It will cause you to procrastinate (failure, etc.)  
Seeing yourself in the light of the past is not God's purpose.  
Paul knew, he pressed toward the High Calling – towards eternal life  
Daily goals, write them down. Be faithful in the little things, it will bring discipline, purpose. Stay fixed on the mark! God wants your Best! He gave His!
2. Have Zeal.  
Lost our first love, our Fire! **DETERMINATION!**  
I Cor. 14:12 - Zealous to build (edify the church)  
Rev. 3:19 - Be zealous to repent  
I see zeal as newness, freshness - 100% Effort.
3. Faith  
Rom. 12:3 (A measure of faith, sufficient for all things. It's His Faith; He gave it to you! (Faith is receiving something without proof or evidence – Hope is expectation of something in the future) – Heb 11:6)
4. Ability  
I Pet. 4:11 (His ability for His glory) - Phil 4:13 - Understand your identity in Christ. -
5. Be unmovable  
Acts 20:23,24 – I Cor. 15:58
6. Fight a Good Fight!  
II Tim. 4:7,8  
Finished the job kept the faith.
7. Keep ALL Divine appointments  
Every God moment is important – Missing an appointment with God can be life changing.  
Every missed God moment is a decrease of the heavenly deposit in our lives.

Purpose to be like Jesus!! He was always at the right place, with the right people at the right time.