

"See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."

James. 5:7-8 (NIV)

3 main traps we are tempted to fall into, while waiting on God:

- 1) Getting ahead of God by trying to make things happen in our own strength
- 2) Not using the time we have now to do what He is asking.
- 3) Settling into the "wait" and not being able to step into our purpose!

The Waiting of Paul the Apostle

I. Damascus - The Confused Waiting/Waiting on others (Acts 9:8-19)

The 'I Don't Know What's Going on' Waiting

II. Tarsus - The Frustrated Waiting/Waiting on myself (Acts 9:29-30; 11:25-26)

The 'I Feel Like Giving Up' Waiting

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Gal. 6:9 NIV

Part of being prepared is when I come to the acceptance that whether or not He uses me, I am content just to follow Him.

III. Caesarea - The Patient Waiting/Waiting on God (Acts 24-26)

The 'All things work together for good' Waiting'

Sometimes we can make life changing choices while waiting on God.

Winning at life includes having the humility to wait, as well as the boldness to act according to God's timing, not my timing, and the wisdom and spiritual sensitivity to know the difference.

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Php. 4:11-13 (niv)

Talk it Over:

What are the 3 main traps that are listed in the message, that we may fall into, while waiting on God. List your other personal traps that you have.

I. Damascus - the confused waiting/waiting on other - read the scripture, **Acts 9:8-19.**

How does this apply to you?

Do you feel like you do not know what God is doing?

II. Tarsus - The Frustrated Waiting/Waiting on myself. **Read Acts 9:29-30, 11:25-26)**

Do you feel like giving up on waiting for Him to answer?

Pray God will give you acceptance in whatever circumstance you are facing.

Don't become _____ in well doing, for at the _____ time we will _____ a harvest if we do not _____.
Live a life of engaging in worship, walk it out in obedience and faithfulness as the people God created us to be.

What does it take for you to win at life?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If it has been hard for you to learn to be content in "whatever circumstances" you are in. Take a look at Philippians 4:11-13.

Pray and tell God how you think/feel and what you may be struggling with today.

He is an ever present help in times of trouble.