



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

## PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

### In His Time

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In His time means God has his own perfect time for all of His creation. We, as Christians, must understand that our time and God's time are different. In a fast-paced society, Christians must learn the value of waiting and understanding God's pace in fulfilling our plans.

#### 1. Reasons why some Christians fallout in God's relationship and do not follow His purpose:

- 1.1. They are ignorant of God's methods and timing.
- 1.2. They are overly confident in their plan and impatient for God's answer.
- 1.3. They make decisions without taking account of God's will and purpose.
- 1.4. They make a quick solution to avoid enduring the frustration and anxiety of the situation.

#### 2. What is the meaning of waiting for the Lord? It is a determined stillness or a decision to wait for God's clear direction to our dilemma for He has plans for us (Jer. 29:11). The key is to wait and discern His direction.

#### 3. Some of the common mistakes that Christians do in the middle of confusion and unpleasant circumstances.

- 3.1. They look at their situations as worried and anxious (Ps. 37:1,7,8).
- 3.2. They look at successful evil-doers with envy (Ps. 37:1,35-36).
- 3.3. They concentrate on the wait and become angry or frustrated (Ps. 37:8).

#### 4. How do Christians wait upon the Lord? Waiting upon the Lord requires focusing exclusively on Him while fulfilling His will and purpose in our lives.

- 4.1. Realize the blessing of waiting for the Lord (Lam. 3:25; Ps. 147:11; Ps. 25:3).
- 4.2. Wait patiently for the Lord (Ps. 37:7).

4.2.1. Meditate on God's promises.

4.2.2. Have spiritual courage and strength to be patient (Ps. 27:14).

4.2.3. Take refuge in the Lord and allow Him to be the source of strength and peace (Is. 64:10)

4.3. Wait silently for the Lord (Ps. 62:1,5; Lam. 3:26). We are not to murmur, complain or blame God in our current circumstances.

4.3.1. God's plan is perfect (Ps. 18:30)

4.4. Wait attentively for the Lord's deliverance or direction (Ps. 130:6; Mic. 7:7). Our waiting for the Lord requires that all our spiritual senses must be alive, alert, and expectant. He will never lead you contrary to His personal revelation and never lead you to disobey his commandments

4.5. Wait with faithful obedience.

4.5.1. Hope in the Lord (Ps. 37:34).

4.5.2. Paul's faithfulness despite his troubles (2Cor. 11:24-28).

4.5.3. Keep God's commands (1Jn. 5:3).

4.5.4. Purify your hearts (Jam. 4:8).

4.5.5. Bear much fruit (Jn. 15:8)

4.5.6. Parable of the Sower (Mk. 4).

4.5.7. We trusted in Him (Isa. 25:9)

#### Conclusion:

Christians must learn that God's ways and methods in fulfilling His plans for us are often times different. We surrender everything to Him and trust that all will be well in His perfect time.

#### Reflection:

1. What are some of the reasons why you cannot wait for the Lord?
2. How do you increase your faith to God?
3. How does God answer your personal prayers and concerns?

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