

NOW IS THE HOUR

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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God predestined us with the task set for His kingdom. In every stage of our life, and every situation, let us be wise in spending it according to the will of the Lord. We must be careful in how we live our lives and we must always discern the will of God (Eph. 5:16-17). Moreover, another year has passed with successes and failures in following our Lord. Therefore, let us forget our past and move forward focusing on our spiritual goal with God.

1. Philippians 3: 13-14 helps us to be focused on our goals set to us by God:

- 1.1 Our time on this earth is limited.
 - 1.1.1 Show me O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" (Ps. 39:4).
 - 1.1.2 The length of our days is 70 years or 80...they quickly pass..."(Ps. 90:10)
 - 1.1.3 If we waste our time today, We will not be able to turn back the hands of time because we cannot save time.
- 1.2 Forget what is behind.
 - 1.2.1 Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing, now it springs up, do you not perceive it?"(Isa. 43:18).
 - 1.2.2 God will not remember our sins (Micah 7).
 - 1.2.3 We must learn to forgive ourselves for our sins.
 - 1.2.4 We must forget our past hurts.
 - 1.2.5 We must learn to forgive and forget the pain caused by others in order not to be blocked by God's blessings.
- 1.3 Make the most of every opportunity.
 - 1.3.1 Satan works hard to avoid us doing our work through guilt, lies, and a feeling of unforgiveness.
 - 1.3.2 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy (Jn. 10:10). Always defend

yourself by meditating on the Word of God.

2. Lessons from the story of Martha and Mary (Lk. 10:38-42)

- 2.1 Being busy in life is not a hindrance unless we fail to recognize God. Our service and meditation on His word must be in us in perfect combination.
- 2.2 We cannot excuse service for prayer nor prayer to service. Service and prayer are part of being a Christian. God understands and sees us (Prov. 24:12).
- 2.3 Overloading that causes stress and anxiety:
 - 2.3.1 commitments.
 - 2.3.2 possessions.
 - 2.3.3 office work.
 - 2.3.4 information.

Conclusion:

God has set a plan for us. We sometimes fail to fulfill our part due to temptations and a lack of trust in God. We must press on to God's plan for it is good (Jer. 9:11) and we must move forward. Our time is now and never give the Devil an opportunity to distract us.

Reflection:

1. How do you remove the anxiety and stress in your life?
2. Why did God want us to forgive everyone in our life and others?
3. Do you meditate and thank God that His salvation is offered to all of us even if we don't deserve it?

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