



Sunday 29th December, 2013

PAUSE | PREPARE | PROCEED

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As we reach the end of another year-2013 and look forward to 2014, we cannot help but think about 'TIME'

Time - what a great gift from God!

Time is a precious resource given to us from God.

All other resources pale in comparison to 'time' because without 'time' all the other resources would be useless.

Time - We cannot go back, cannot rewind, cannot reset but we can only go forward.

So, we are exhorted in the bible to 'walk circumspectly', 'redeeming the time'

Ephesians 5:15-17

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Therefore, before we enter into 2014, let us ***Pause, Prepare*** and ***Proceed*** into all that God has for us.

PAUSE

Mark 6:31

³¹ And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

We all lead busy lives, living from event to event, project to project and deadline to deadline. In the midst of all the good things that we are doing, the Lord invites us as He invited the apostles whom He sent out to minister, to pause and rest.

1. Pause... to Know God!

Psalms 46:10

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!



Let us pause to get a fresh revelation of His love, His power, His grace, His mercy.

A fresh perspective of God gives us a fresh outlook on life!

2. Pause... to count your blessings!

Psalm 103:2

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

Take time to count the many blessings.. make it a fun, family exercise before the year ends.

3. Pause... to get right with God and with people

Are you angry with God? Are you walking in wilful sin/disobedience?

Take this time to get right with God

Are you angry with people? Is there unforgiveness?

Take this time to get right with people

4. Pause... to make course corrections

Take time to make course corrections with regard to career, lifestyle, finances, diet.

5. Pause... to rest and be refreshed in your spirit, soul and body.

Isaiah 40:31

³¹But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength;They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Matthew 11:28-29

²⁸Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Psalm 4:8

⁸I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

PREPARE

Proverbs 16:1

16 The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.

1. Pray & Plan



One of the ways to prepare ourselves is to pray and plan - Do both, not one without the other.

Proverbs 16:3

³ Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established. ⁹ A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Proverbs 19:21

²¹ There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand.

Since the Lord's counsel is what will stand - endure, let's pray for the revelation of His counsel while planning and carry that out

2. Position (posture)

<This section is adapted from the message 'Ready to receive' preached by Ps. Ashish in Sep 2012>

The following should be our position/posture(attitude) which prepares us to receive from Him.

a) High hunger level

Isaiah 44:3

³ For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;

b) Humility of heart

James 1:21

²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

c) Holiness

James 1:21

²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls

d) Ready to stretch

e) Ready to act/do

Matthew 7:24

²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:



PROCEED

As we enter into the coming new year, it might be a new season for some of us. We need to understand that we need to step out in order to step in. So, we move out of a season to move into another one.

Let us do so knowing that our God goes with us.

Joshua 1:5-9

⁵No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”



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