

We don't need to say this year will be different, we need to do something to make it different.

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I want this year to be different, just like everyone else, but I realize that it's totally up to me to LISTEN to God and FOLLOW His orders without hesitation.



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Procrastination

It's the beginning of a new year and we all have expectations of bigger and better things. We start off with a determination that "things will be different this year", but as the days, weeks, and months go by we find ourselves slipping back into old routines, old habits, and things that put us right back into the place we want to leave behind.

I found a story that was intriguing to me when reading about Alexander Graham Bell. Elisha Gray was a Chicago electrician and was an inventor. He had worked tirelessly on an invention that would inevitably change the world. Patents had to be filed in order to claim ownership of an invention and Gray had filled out the paper work and various things

happened over a period of time, but Alexander Graham Bell had been working on a similar project. He had seen the ideas of Gray and was determined to create this contraption that would carry speech electronically. Bell filed his paper work and a short time following, Gray filed his paper work. When the invention was made public, there was a huge dispute over who really invented the contraption. Alexander Graham Bell won the title of inventing the little thing we call the telephone, when in actuality it was Elisha Gray that really invented it. The timing of his registration was only missed by a short period of time, but because of his failure to take action promptly, Elisha Gray missed out on the fame and the fortune of inventing the telephone.

I wonder how many miracles we may have missed, or how many strangers have missed knowing the Lord, because of missed timing. The Bible tell us in Ecclesiastes 9:10 *"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."* Personally, I have missed God so many times because I have procrastinated over and over until finally it's too late and the season has passed.

When God speaks to your spirit...MOVE ON IT. Be swift to obey God. Christopher preached a sermon about distractions and how little things can keep you from the blessings of God. How true this is in our lives today. Those little things we keep putting off, the words we don't speak when the Lord brings it to our attention, the lack of understanding His voice, keep us from moving forward.

Procrastination is putting off or delaying or deferring an action to a later time and usually never gets done. Be determined to STOP procrastinating and do the thing which God has called you. If God shows you a dream or gives you a word for someone...it's not up to you to determine whether or not that person needs to hear it or whether the person even deserves it. Just do it! Do what God says and let the consequences be up to God.

Stop procrastinating and watch God begin to push you forward. Stop procrastinating and watch your life change. Stop procrastinating and see the fulfillment of the calling of God. Just saying you are going to do something never accomplishes anything. Sitting and waiting doesn't get it done. Repeating, I'm gonna....doesn't get it done.

One thought I leave with you today is... STOP PROCRASTINATING AND YOU WILL SEE RESULTS

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