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Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Season—Time appointed or set period, division of year.

Seasons are something that we all must go through once we have been born . We go through the seasons of life as an infant, toddler, pre-teen, teenager, young adult, older adult, then elderly; and finally death will knock on our physical door and the way we conduct our life will determine whether or not we will enter into an eternity of joy or an eternity of torment. There is an appointed time that everyone has to meet their Creator. There is a set time for everything that we go through in life. We will have our ups and downs, there are times we will have the victory; there are times we will lose the battle. Times we will be on the mountain top and there are times we will be in the valley. Whatever state we may be in, God is there to lead and guide us through. As Christians we are either in a trial, coming out of

one or on our way in. Seasons brings about a change in our life. There is a season it seems that we are growing spiritually, then there is a time where it seem as though we are barren, nothing is moving, can't hear from God, can't feel His spirit. This is a season that even though we can't hear or feel Him, know that God is with you and He will bring you through if you place your trust in Him.

Too many times people fell in their Christian walk because they have been taught once you give your life to God everything is going to be all right. No, that's when the battle begins once you have been drafted in the army. In a natural army as soon as the person is drafted they don't go to war, after they have been trained they are sent out to fight the enemy. In God's army we go through seasons to build and train us spiritually. We go through a season of training to build our senses. Our senses must function spiritually as they do physically. We must be able to hear God and distinguish His voice from the voice of our spirit, and Satan's. We need to be able to see or discern the enemy. After we have been trained for a period of time, we go through the process of being able to feel the Spirit of God and know the difference between God's Spirit and a demonic spirit. As we grow in the Spirit of God we will be able to smell different spirits. As we grow

in the Spirit we will begin to taste every now and then fresh oil when there is nothing in our mouth, but it's the oil of God that will be in our taste buds.

There will be seasons where we have a time of rest from our labor, then there are seasons we must fight the good fight of faith and conquer the enemy of our soul, thought pattern, emotions and will. Each season will bring either promotion or demotion, increase in faith or decrease, a will to fight or will to give up.

God has a purpose for every one of us, our job is to seek God and find out what is our purpose. Some are called to be apostles pastors, teachers, evangelist, prophets, bishops, missionaries, deacon, deaconess some are to lead and others are to follow, whatever God has called us do we have a season to complete our task then the position is over.

There is a season we must fast, a time we must refrain ourselves from others to be alone with the Lord. Prayer is not an option, it's a must if we want to stay connected with the Lord. Prayer assist us in desiring to read the word. Reading the word helps us to know God and know our inheritance as children of God. Fasting, helps us to dominate our flesh, praise makes the enemy scatter because God is dwelling in the praises.

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We all like the seasons when everything is going well, but none of us like the seasons when our faith is tested, the season where we have to go to the valley in order to get to the mountain. Struggles bring forth strength. A person that lifts weights builds their muscles. Depending on the length of time and the amount of weight they carry determines how muscles will be built. Pressures of life will build our spiritual muscles. A violin will not make a sound until the strings are tighten and in tension. Some stress and tension will build us and make us the men and women God is calling for to carry His anointing.

As long as we're living we will have seasons, our growth and outcome determines what we do in the season.

When God instructed Abraham to leave his family and go into a country he knew nothing about, it was a season of separation for Abraham, but because of his obedience Abraham became the father of all of nations. Sometimes in order to get where God wants us, we have to leave people and things that will hinder us from going forth in the Lord.

Joseph was taking from his father because his brothers were jealous, they thought they were destroying the dreamer. Because of Joseph's love and obedience to God, he was attacked by the spirit of lust, but he passed the test by running from Potipherah's wife. Sometimes you have to run from people and things that you know you can be tempted by. Joseph was placed in prison because of the lie that

was told on him. Joseph didn't let the lie nor the prison stop him from ministering to those that were in prison. He was sent to prison to deliver those that were in physical and spiritual prisons. Too many times we let lies and what people say about us stop us from working in the Master's vineyard. Let whatever you may be going through be a stepping stone to reach God.

Noah had a season of ridicule because he was building a boat when it had never rained. Because of his obedience, his household was saved. Surely, you have been misunderstood, talked about, lied on, persecuted, rejected because of the spiritual house you're building for God to dwell in, your reverence, obedience, and submission to God will draw others to God because of the light they see in you.

Because of the many test and trials we go through as Christians we open the way for others to come in through our dedication to God. Every one of us has someone tied to us to bring through the spiritual door. Whether its by fasting, praying or confessing them in; and because we're praying for souls to be saved, the enemy attacks us. We must be strong soldiers and seek God to know how to launch the attack on the enemy, and bring back those that have been lost in the spiritual war, those that have been blinded and didn't know the enemy. We have to bring them in no matter what the cost may be. Always be ready to bring a soul in, be prepared to fight the good fight of

faith to deliver them from the hands of the enemy.

Just as we go through seasons of war, seasons of draught, God will give us seasons of joy, prosperity, peace. Job had lost everything he had. His family had been destroyed, Satan try to use Job's wife to sin against God by cursing Him, but Job held on to his integrity. Job knew who could deliver him. Job faithfulness brought the blessings of God upon his life. Job's latter days were better than his beginning.

Joseph was blessed above measures after he went through his season of testing. His faithfulness to God took him to the palace. The king gave him authority over his kingdom. Our faithfulness to God brings us into the King's palace. He has given us the authority over everything that moves on the earth as well as heaven. We can bind on earth, and He will lose it in heaven, we can call upon the holy angels of God to surround us and protect us. The authority God has given us goes much further than what an earthly king can give you.

God wants to bless us abundantly above all that we could ask or think, but in order to receive this blessing, we must stand the test of life, we must stand the pressure that we will go through in order to build God's character in us. God is making us into the image of Him and His son and in order for us to look and act like our Father,

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our minds must be renewed, our hearts have to be changed, our wills need to be changed to God's will and not our will. Submission has to come in us to surrender ourselves in every area to God.

Seasons brings about a change in our lives. We have to be persistent as Daniel was in praying. The adversary will send forth an attack as he did with Daniel to try to keep us from praying. He tries to influence us to disobey God. Daniel knew his God and he let the adversary know who was in command. God has given us authority over Satan and all his imps, but in order for us to walk in the authority God has given us, we must be connected with God. We must totally surrender to Him. God has given us the authority to speak life into our situations. God has placed His Spirit in us, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us if we have been born-again and it can bring life to any dead situations we may have. We can speak to the mountain and tell it to be removed. We can speak to our bodies and tell it to line up with the word of God. When we pay our tithes and give offerings as the Bible has instructed us too, we can speak to poverty and demand it to leave us. Life and death is in the power of our tongue, confession brings possession whether its life or death.

There will be seasons when we walk in the peace of God that will surpass all human understanding when life is sending us bitterness, but in the bitterness we can feel and hear the sweet-

ness of our Lord and Master whispering "PEACE"

God is on our side, He's not against us, He's for us. Whatever test and trial we have to go through, know that "This too shall pass". God will never place more on us than we can take. Just as you had a season of trials and tribulations, know that you shall also have a season of rest, peace, and prosperity whether its in your emotions, physical health, mind, finances, or relationships.

Give God your best and expect the best. God wants His people to prosper and be in good health. God does not want us to always be in lack, God shall supply our needs, but He will also give us our heart desire when our desires and motives are right. Welcome every season you go through knowing that you shall come out having the victory.

What God has for you is for you and no one can take it from you. Just as each of us have had hard times, trials, and tribulations; then there is a time of rest and prosperity for the children of God. Know your season and receive your blessing. No good thing will God withhold from them that walk up rightly before Him. Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart. God's thoughts towards you are not evil, they are thoughts of peace, to give you an expected end, to make your latter day be blessed more than your former day.

Take back what Satan has stolen from you, take back your prayer life, your quiet time with the

Lord, take back what God gave you and you turned it over to Satan for a season. The authority God has given us is not seasonal, its daily when we totally surrender ourselves to Him.

Let this year be a season of dedication to the Lord. A life season of praise and worship. Make a vow to forgive those that have hurt or wrong you. Make this upcoming year be a year that you will let nothing or anyone stop you from doing what God has instructed you to do. This is the season we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The best gift you can give would be giving yourself to the Lord and making Him Lord of your life!

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