

Do we finish what we start

Recalling points

Over the years like everyone, we start projects and sometimes get stuck in the middle and pulled off to something else. Meanwhile what we started seemed to collect dust and time got the best of us. Maybe it was a home improvement thing. Maybe it was dealing with a job that's going nowhere, or maybe it's even a past career we've held on to till death do us part. But it seems like at times we got were frustrated, confused on how things are going..or we've faced making decisions we thought would bring us positive change... but in reality, they just didn't, they just piled on more work to keep us all busy and to keep us distracted from finishing whatever else we really should have done by now. Personally, Ive notice that if God wants us committed to something he wants done in our lives or even in the lives of others we gotta learn to finish what we start before we can move on to bigger and better things. We should never leave matters or situations undone in life. We should never begin more projects in life unless we count the cost and time to finish what were doing now.

The results

But if we continue to keep on getting overwhelmed with doing thing upon thing, and never seem to get any of it done, I say...its time to stop.Its time to go back and finish what we started from the beginning. It really doesn't matter what that may be the issue is discovering that weve built a pattern of incompleteness in our own lives, we've made ourselves into people who like to do things but never like to finish them. And sadly these are the type of people who will never see things through, you can not trust or count on them being committed to anything except part time service.

Nehemiah's Wall

In the Tanach or that is the [Hebrew Bible] theres a story [The book of Nehemiah- Neh.Ch1 to 13] of a man named Nehemiah who was a Jewish leader and governor who served as a cupbearer to the Persian King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah was also Living in exile in the Persian capital of Susa. But as the story goes, he was grieved when he heard that the walls and city of Yerushaliyeem [Jerusalem]were in shambles and desired to see them rebuilt. But he wasn't alone in his desire to see the walls and the city of Yerushaliyeem to be restored. He was also going to need others help get the project done, he was not going to do it alone, nor start something he knew he'd never finish or accomplish it in his life. Along the way as they all started to rebuild the wall and the city they were opposed by enemies so much to the fact that they had to fight them off with one hand on their sword and work with the other. As [Neh 4:17] states;

17 Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.

Changing the pattern

When we realize we have a problem we need to take action, not go off and start another project. Nehemiah immediately sought out the people for help to get the work done and to change the situation. Even though they faced outside oppositions they stayed committed to the task. When we do things that are God's tasks we get the support we need to go on and succeed. When we do things without God's help we tend to face defeat because we tried doing it in our own power and not God's. Which is why we will never move on from things we start but never seem to finish.

Spiritual restoration

While Nehemiah's heart and desire was to see Yerushaliyeem built up again, the greater purpose of God was to restore his people and put them spiritual in right standing with him again [Neh ch.8-to ch13]. So not only was the walls and city being restored, but spiritually so was its people as well. And prophetically God was bringing to pass the future setting up of the coming Messiah some 483yrs later [Dan.9:25]. We may not always see God's hand in what we do until the end, but be assured it will all be revealed when the work is done, the same as we see this in the book of Nehemiah. God's desire and heart is revealed when the work is done.

Encouragement

If you're in that place caught up in that pattern of starting but never finishing, we can do something to change it.

- 1.First seek help with your problem, turn to your Pastor, bible study group, close friends and seek getting prayer
- 2.Cease starting things you know that you won't ever finish
- 3.go back and start working on things you left undone whether material or spiritual make the effort
- 4.Turn to Yeshua for guidance on how to find the perfect time to get things done.

These are just a few suggestions to help us get back on track but ultimately it is our choice to change it and make it right in our own lives before we can help others with the same problems we faced. We pray you all overcome and keep growing in our Messiah and Lord Yeshua.

See everyone next month, thank you all for your prayers and support.

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