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“Dangerous Delays”

Joseph (Part 11)

“How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.” (Proverbs 6:9-11)

There & Back Again x2 (a procrastinator’s tale)

Genesis 43:8-11 - (8) “And Judah said to Israel his father, ‘Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. (9) I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. (10) If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.’ (11) Then their father Israel said to them, ‘If it must be so...’”

<p>How many things get backed up and stacked up in our lives because of procrastination?</p>

Laziness & Fear

Proverbs 26:13 – “The lazy person claims, ‘There’s a lion on the road! Yes, I’m sure there’s a lion out there!’” (NLT)

Proverbs 26:16 – “Lazy people consider themselves smarter than seven wise counselors.” (NLT)

Business with Vanities

Luke 14:17-20 – (17) “And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ (18) But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ (19) And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ (20) And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’”

Procrastinating or Waiting?

Fruit of Waiting

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame...” (Romans 5:3-5)

“but they who wait for 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.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Fruit of Procrastinating

“...at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, and you say, ‘How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation.’” (Proverbs 5:11-14)

Never Procrastinate or Wait regarding the Salvation of your soul:

“For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2)

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