

Let Go Now – *To Make Room For God’s Plan In Your Life*

I heard someone suggest recently, that each of us could be holding onto something that God is already done with. Maybe we are beginning to realize that His grace is lifting and we need to get ready for a season of our life to end. When we hold on deliberately when God wants us to let go, a couple things happen as a consequence.

First, when we are still involved with something that God is done with, then we are missing God’s next big thing for us. If our attention is where WE want it instead of where GOD wants it, we are definitely off track.

Second, if we aren’t letting go of something God is done with, we are no longer operating under His grace. We are in fact, on our own. If it didn’t get completed with God in it, what makes us think that we can finish it on our own? Sometimes it is only silly pride that keeps us from moving forward. And pride can be a dangerous thing.

Pride thinks he can do it on his own. Pride doesn’t care what others think. Pride knows best. Pride is easily offended. Pride holds onto things God already let go. Pride leads to disobedience. Pride leads to idolatry because if we set a certain thing or activity ahead of God or refuse to give it up when God finishes with it, we are setting its importance above God.

Here are some examples of things we may need to let go.

- A business that isn’t making any profit or is operating in the red with no prospects for improvement.
- A hobby that is no longer enjoyable or relaxing.
- An extra church or volunteer activity that we committed to because we were afraid to say “no”, even though we never felt led by God to do it.
- Something that makes us too busy to spend one-to-one time with God.
- We are trying to help someone get their life together for the 5TH year and they are still not helped.
- An activity that bears no fruit or mostly bad fruit.
- Something we do that makes *us* look good instead of God.
- Something we know is not of God, but we are too stubborn to stop.
- A relationship that is one-sided or makes us feel bad (ie. an emotionally abusive or neglectful situation.)

Don’t get me wrong. There are times we need to hang on and have faith. And there are seasons for us to do certain things or help certain others. There are times to offer our time or resources sacrificially. But if we feel no grace and zero desire to be involved with it, and when doing it is *the hardest thing* to do, when doing it gets in the way of our relationship with the Lord, odds are our priorities got out of line somewhere and God isn’t in it. We need to let it go. When we realize we started something from wrong motivations such as greed or a desire for fame or acknowledgement, it may be time to let it go.

When we do so, we will feel such wonderful peace and relief. We will feel liberated and free to be ourselves again.

Sometimes, letting go passively is enough. Remember this general rule of thumb: something we feed will grow and something we starve will die. Other times, we need to take some type of direct action to make the change. Implementing the needed change may mean that we need to take an intentional action or have a difficult conversation. Whatever it is, just know God promises to never leave us or forsake us. We may have gotten ourselves into it, but as long as we are seeking God's will, we are *not* alone in getting out of it.

The Word promises us that God orders the steps of a righteous man (and woman). Next time you feel great enthusiasm to begin a project or relationship or pitch in somewhere, take a few days to pray about it. Pray for discernment and wisdom. Let the Holy Spirit lead you in the right decision. Pray that God opens doors for you in areas that are according to His will and closes those that are not in His will. We don't want to be so busy, that we miss the next big thing God has for us.

Action Step

Pray and seek discernment regarding what you might be holding onto when God says it's time to move on. Ask God to give you His rest and make it really clear when it's time to act.

Dear Heavenly Father, Please show me anything or anyone that you want me to let go of at the end of this year, in order to make way for Your plan to be accomplished in my life. Give me the words I need at that time (Luke 12:12) to make the appropriate changes. Help me to be discerning about anything I take on in the future so that I am continually operating under your grace. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Now spend at least 15 minutes quiet time, just listening to ways God may lead you.

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