

Empowered to Make A Difference

Acts 1:8 (AMP)

But you will receive power *and* ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

2 Corinthians 2:1-5 (AMP)

¹And when I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming to you the testimony of God [concerning salvation through Christ], I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom [no lofty words of eloquence or of philosophy as a Greek orator might do]; ²for I made the decision to know nothing [that is, to forego philosophical or theological discussions regarding inconsequential things and opinions while] among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified [and the meaning of His redemptive, substitutionary death and His resurrection]. ³I came to you in [a state of] weakness and fear and great trembling. ⁴And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom [using clever rhetoric], but [they were delivered] in demonstration of the Holy Spirit [operating through me] and of [His] power [stirring the minds of the listeners and persuading them], ⁵so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom *and* rhetoric of men, but on the power of God.

If someone’s faith is in the wisdom of men, and not the power of God; if someone can be *persuaded into* the kingdom by human wisdom, they can also be *persuaded out* of the kingdom by human wisdom.

1. Live With a Sense of Anticipation.

James 4:14 (NKJV)

whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

John Maxwell - “Anticipation is a wonderfully proactive and intentional word for seeking out significance.”

-Anticipation Causes us to Value Today.

-Anticipation Prompts Us to Prepare.

Vision Statement - We are body of Spirit filled believers that exists for Great Commandment and Great Commission living. We will always Love. Reach. Serve.

-Anticipation Prompts Us to Look for Ways to Help Others.

-Anticipation Helps Us Possess an Abundance Mindset.

2. Be Urgent About Seizing Opportunities.

Mark 13:31-32 (NLT)

³¹ Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

³² “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. ³³ And since you don’t know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!”

John Maxwell said, **“Opportunities do not multiply because they are seen. They multiply because they are seized.”**

3. Be Intentional With Your Life.

Curt Kampmeier said, **“If you are going to grow, you have to be intentional.”**

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Intentional living is the only pathway to significant living.

“What will your story be in 2024?”

God has EMPOWERED YOU to Make a Difference in 2024!