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A “Wait” Problem



**A Wait
PROBLEM**

Acts 24: 22-27
“Some Better Time”

Acts 26: 27-32
“ALMOST”

Waiting – To Procrastinate

To Put off intentionally and habitually, postpone... to put off doing what should be done.

Webster's Seventh Collegiate Dictionary

James 4:17

17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin .

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Felix had a “wait” problem

We too can have the same problem..

Acts 24:24-25

24 And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. 25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

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The Causes of the “Wait” problem..

- **Indecisive**

- Unstable
- Avoids making a commitment

Bible Examples:

Lot Gen. 19:15-22

The Spies Numbers 13:30

King Agrippa Acts 26:28

What

About You?

Have You

Decided

To Follow

Jesus?

The Causes of the “Wait” problem..

- **Perfectionist**

- “I’m afraid that I just can’t live up to being a Christian”

Let the Word of God make you perfect:

Col 1:28

James 1:25

1 Peter 5:10

The Causes of the “Wait” problem..

- **Fear**

- The fear of FAILURE
- The fear of SUCCESS

John 14:27

2 Tim 4:16-18

The Causes of the “Wait” problem..

- **Rebellious**

against authority.

against change.

against family.

Prov 17:11

**11 An evil man seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be
sent against him.**

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The Causes of the “Wait” problem..

- **Lazy**

- Lacking motivation

Proverbs 6:6-10

Heb 6:11-12

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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A “Wait” Problem is serious

- It Waste Time.

Psa 39:4-5, Job 14:1-2

James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 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. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

A “Wait” Problem is serious

- It Waste opportunities.

The example of the virgins

Matt. 25:3-10

Prov. 3:27-28

Gal 6:10

10 Therefore, as we have opportunity , let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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A “Wait” Problem is serious

- Kills Enthusiasm
 - The number 1 killer of dreams is procrastination.

A “Wait” Problem is serious

- Leads to Sin and Spiritual Death.

John 8:24

24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins ; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins ."

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Cure for the “wait” problem

- Learn and acknowledge the problem
- TAKE ACTION!

2 Cor 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says:

**"In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you."**

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING
FOR?**

**WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK
TODAY?**

