Wait Handout

We must address two conflicting ideas that are occurring simultaneously. The whole idea of waiting and not moving ahead as well as the necessity of moving into action. This creates a dilemma for all of us. This is where it is so important to hear the Voice of God. Below are a few quotes that embody this dilemma.

Which of the following statements best describe you?

First Set

1. Waiting is one of the great arts. Margery Allingham
2. All things come to him who waits---provided he knows what he is waiting for. Woodrow Wilson
3. Patience is not just the ability to wait; it's the waiting without losing hope. Unknown
4. All good things come to those who wait. Paulina Simons

Second Set

5. Don't wait the time will never be just right. Napoleon Hill
6. If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives. Daniel Handler
7. Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits. Thomas Edison
8. Good things do not come to those that wait but come to those that do. Julie Hebert

One set of activities seems more internal and has the potential to lead to passivity. The other set is action oriented but has the potential to go ahead without hearing from God.

Therein lies the secret. We are to wait by growing spiritually in the quietness of our heart, learning new skills and preparing for the next move once the waiting is over. The tension between these ways of thinking is what propels us forward, so we are prepared and ready to see and embrace new opportunities.

Key Points

1. We are to develop our character while we wait
2. We are to develop new skills while we wait
3. We are to build intimacy and dependency on God while we wait.