

North Christian Church -

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Perspective

The spiritual life is an endurance race, not a sprint.

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Just because some have been moved by the Spirit to accelerate in certain areas of their lives at this time, doesn't mean that others are being called to do the exact same.

Blog - The Last One In Syndrome

Living for others means having the wisdom to understand the nuances here. It means always considering others in whatever we say or do. That's why over time, when emotions die down, true wisdom sets in, and a person transitions from being a potential liability to the Kingdom to an asset. Patience, my friends.

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It's quite possible that God will convict you to wait on His timing to "do" this or that. Do not ever ignore His convictions, whether or not it seems rational that you should be "doing" something. (eg. pastoring or evangelizing, etc.)

"Evange-Shaming"

When one person feels pressured by another to "go out" and evangelize a certain way. There are infinite ways to accomplish the Great Commission! Some may have small audiences, while others large. Some are public ministries, some are private. The SPIRIT decides! (1Co 12:5-7)

"Evange-Shaming"

Hi. My name's Scott, and I'm an Evange-Shamer.

My apologies. :)

Patience

Do not confuse encouragement from others as commandments from the Spirit. Conviction to "do" in the spiritual life MUST be from the Holy Spirit, not man. While encouragement is good (Heb 3:13), we mustn't try to mimic another's calling.

Man Fails Encouragement

Since man is flawed, he tends to overstep his boundaries when trying to encourage others in the spiritual life. Receive encouragement, but diligently sort it out with the Spirit before "doing" anything.

The Local Church

Most converts are already addicts, addicted to the world system. For years they have been intoxicated by it. Just because a person gets "clean" through a detox program (eg. saved), it doesn't mean they're no longer tempted! Recovered addicts require support programs (eg. spiritual addicts require churches).

The Local Church Mission

Once a person is saved, their first objective is to keep on learning the Word of God (imagine the attacks!). If/when we evangelize someone, we ought to encourage them to attend a sound church, under a sound pastor, such as w/ NCC. Our relationship with new believers shouldn't end after the Gospel presentation!!!

Do Not Forget Where You Came From

God prepared all of you for the battlefield. Consider how much work has been done inside these four walls. Do not forget where you came from. NCC is like a FOB (Forward Operating Base). Soldiers must be trained/retrained (Eph 4:11-12) after they are enlisted!

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One of the greatest tragedies that the Bible counsels us against is encouraging someone who's NOT actually being led by the Spirit to "do" something that others might be led by the Spirit to do!

Motivating Pride

- If a person succumbs, they "do" something that is "wood, hay, and straw" (1Co 3:12).
 - If a person refuses to "do", their sense of pride makes them stumble (1Co 8:9)
- Let's keep encouraging one another, without putting others on the spot. And all that takes is being considerate of others, and the reality of their individual callings.

A House Divided

Satan is looking for EVERY opportunity to divide this church. He's intelligent and crafty enough to capitalize on good things, even. He's really good at sowing perversion.

Harbor NO bitterness

To give in to hyper-sensitivity is never good; always fall back on giving grace, as YOU ALSO like to receive in YOUR stupid moments.

Eph 4:25-27,30-32

United We Stand

Let's give no room for Satan's schemes, and remember that love conquers all, and Satan has no weapon that can be successful against the power of God's love. 1Co 13:8a,13b

1 Cor 13:8a

Love never fails...

1 Cor 13:13b

...but the greatest of these is love.

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To God, sanctification is a reality, not something on a timeline. This is why, from our perspective, we might rightly say: to be saved is to be sanctified; to be sanctified is to be saved (eg. 2Th 2:13-14).

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Salvation is a function of sanctification.

Sanctification is a function of salvation.

Welcome to the supernatural!

Leave the supernatural things up to faith!

2Co 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight -

Rejoice, child! Rejoice!

In spite of the pressures of life, and even the good things we do in God's plan, we are never to worry or be anxious, but just rejoice always, with the faith of a child, because our Heavenly Father has already given us the victory, by grace. Phil 4:4-7