

# PREPARING FOR KINGDOM WORK IN THESE LAST DAYS

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## I. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL KINGDOM

**WORKERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

## II. HOW TO DEVELOP FAITHFULNESS/TENACITY IN MY KINGDOM WORK

**RECOGNIZE AND PREPARE FOR THE FACT THAT WHEN DOING KINGDOM WORK:**

**1. I WILL HAVE TO** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUTH: IF I DON'T BELIEVE IN MY WORK OR MY GOD, I** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** \_\_\_\_\_

*"<sup>6</sup> So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith." Hebrews 11:6*

*"<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6*

*"<sup>24</sup> Remember that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize. You also must run in such a way that you will win. <sup>25</sup> All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. <sup>26</sup> So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches. <sup>27</sup> I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified." 1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

**2. I WILL HAVE TO** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUTH: LITTLE IS EVER ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT** \_\_\_\_\_

*"<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?" Romans 12:1*

*"<sup>29</sup> 'Yes,' Jesus replied, 'and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come.'" Luke 18:29-30*

**3. I WILL ENCOUNTER** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUTH: THIS WORLD IS ALWAYS FIGHTING** \_\_\_\_\_

*"I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible." 1 Corinthians 7:35*

*"<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the*

race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup> We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” Hebrews 12:1-2

<sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.” Philippians 3:13

#### **Parable of the Sower and the Seed - Matthew 13:1-23**

#### **4. I WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**TRUTH: PROBLEMS ARE \_\_\_\_\_, SO \_\_\_\_\_  
THEM WILL HELP ME PUSH FORWARD**

<sup>33</sup> I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” James 1:2-4

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28

#### **5. I WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**TRUTH: THE ENEMY \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>8</sup> Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. <sup>9</sup> Take a firm stand against him, and be strong in your faith.” 1 Peter 5:8-9

<sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

<sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.” 2 Thessalonians 3:3

#### **6. I WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**TRUTH: GOD USES FAILURE TO \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” Psalm 46:1

<sup>58</sup> So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

#### **7. OCCASIONALLY, MY TEAM \_\_\_\_\_**

**TRUTH: I WILL EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>66</sup> At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. <sup>67</sup> Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” John 6:66-67

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup> Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults

because of your love. <sup>3</sup>Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3

**8. I WILL REGULARLY \_\_\_\_\_**

**TRUTH: GOD WANTS TO \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. <sup>8</sup> Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. <sup>9</sup> Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. <sup>10</sup> That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

<sup>13</sup> For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

*Feeding of the 5000 - Matthew 14:13-21*

**9. MY WORK WILL LIKELY \_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE!**

**TRUTH: THERE IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_ THAN WHAT I CAN SEE**

<sup>9</sup> So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6-9

**10. MY \_\_\_\_\_ IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS MY FRUITFULNESS**

**TRUTH: GOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAITHFULNESS AS WELL AS FRUITFULNESS**

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*Parable of the Three Servants - Matthew 25:14-30*