



The quintessential Problem Solver

Part #5 –

Is there a reason?

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. – John 3:29
- **These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.** – John 15:11
- And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. – 1 John 1:4
- Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. – Act 14:22
- But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. – Acts 20:24



Keys

Is there a reason?



In this lesson

Is there a reason

- Provocation – Why we eventually react positively to it
- Permit – Whatever you tolerate, or permit will persist!
- Passivity (apathy) – a human toxin with the ability to metastasize through inactivity - or as we roll with the punches!



Provocation - Why we eventually react positively to it!

And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. - 1 Samuel 1:6

- Some of us would not change unless we are provoked
- We do not change unless we must!
- The provocation was yearly – Her tears were yearly as well
- She found conciliation through the appeasing voice of someone that mattered – that's how far they went



Permit - Whatever you tolerate will persist!

That which we do not hate, we eventually will tolerate – Malcolm X

- For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred? – Esther 8:6
- And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, – Acts 4:29
- But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. – 2 Timothy 4:5
- When the reason is big enough, we'll conquer our fear anytime!



Permit - Whatever you tolerate will persist! – Cont'd

You cannot change what you do not abhor.

You cannot change what you provide an excuse for.

To overcome the mountain of obstacles you will face in pursuit of your dreams, you must get fed up with your current excuses

- Your life will change because of the reasons
- It is reasons that move people
- I was asked the following questions - Are you really committed? or are you just interested?



Passivity!

Passivity – a human toxin with the ability to metastasize through inactivity - or as we roll with the punches!

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man. – Proverbs 24:30-34



Passivity! – Cont'd

Committed:

- feeling dedication and loyalty to a cause, activity, or job;
- wholeheartedly dedicated.
- pledge or set aside (resources) for future use.

Interested:

- showing curiosity or concern about something or someone; having a feeling of interest.
- having an interest or involvement; not impartial or disinterested.



Summary

Find the big reason

- What am I giving up by not trying?



Next Week

We will continue next week – The Problem-Solving Jesus