

Courage Challenge

When it's time to act!



Don't neglect your values.

When the priorities of others takes over what is important to you, it sometimes leads to unfortunate compromise. You then find yourself unsure of your ability to make a good decision in the future. When caught betwixt and between, remembering what is solidly of value to you can help you decipher between two equally good approaches based on truth. Choose the one based on truth that supports your values.

Remember you serve an audience of One.

In the end, it's the voice of your Father that matters *most*. Which voice do you listen to the *most*? By which voice are you *most* motivated? Hearing "well done, good and faithful servant," is not a far off event. It can be as close as the next step you take in a course of action. You don't know how long God has you here on earth. There is no reason to waste the next moment when you can please Him now. Step into the opportunity in front of you and remember your audience of One.

Perform a cost/benefit analysis of taking a step of obedience.

Imagine waking up tomorrow having put off today's opportunity that is in front of you. What have you lost in delaying? Now consider the cumulative effect of that loss. Things do lead to other things. Now imagine yourself stepping into obedience. What do you gain? No matter the outcome, having chosen obedience, what do you lose, really? Things may not turn out the way you would like, but being able to say you did what you sensed God calling you to do in that moment...isn't that worth it?

Time is not on your side, or anyone else's side for that matter.

Toto wrote a song, "Time is the Enemy." But the truth is that time is not our friend nor our enemy. It just is. If you sense God calling you to act and you do not, time may feel like the enemy, due to delay. If you act yet don't see the results in the time you thought they should occur, time might feel like the enemy due to lack of desired outcome. In both cases, it feels like time is wasted. But the truth is, walking in obedience and leaving outcomes up to God is not a waste of time - rather it's time spent trusting in Him and training in righteousness!