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WHY ARE YOU WAITING?

(Acts 24:22 - 27)

INTRODUCTION

"Felix was afraid ("trembled")" - knew what to do; moved to obey; felt the urge to obey.
"a convenient time I will call for you" - put something off that should be done now; later;
not right now; someday; delay; postpone; wait; tomorrow or whenever.

WHAT MAY CAUSE A "WAIT" PROBLEM WITH PEOPLE?

1. JUST CAN'T MAKE A DECISION; INDECISIVENESS

In life, we are indecisive with some things that have no real consequence, and that's OK.

In the spiritual realm, this is not an admirable trait.

(James 1:8) "he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways"

Be like Caleb: (Numbers 13:30) "Let us go up at once and possess it ..."

Lot: (Genesis 19:15-16) "the angels urged Lot to hurry ... and while he lingered ..."

(Acts 26:27-28) "King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.

Agrippa said to Paul, You almost persuade me to become a Christian"

(Psalm 119:60) "I made haste, and did not delay to keep Your commandments"

(2 Corinthians 6:2) "now" (Hebrews 3:15) "today"

2. WAITING FOR THE "RIGHT CONDITIONS"

We offer our excuses: timing just isn't right; didn't plan to obey today; ...

(Ecc. 11:4) "He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap"

(Proverbs 20:4) "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold;
therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing"

"When I have a convenient time I will call for you" - Really?

3. AFRAID

Lots of fears in life: dentist; surgery; donate blood; ask another for help.

(Proverbs 29:25) "The fear of man brings a snare, whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe"

4. RESISTANCE OR PRIDE - (Proverbs 16:18)

5. LACK MOTIVATION - (2 Peter 1:10) "... do these things you will never stumble ..."

CLOSE: There's a problem with a "wait" problem.

You may lose your desire to obey the gospel.

You may lose your opportunity to obey the gospel.