

Focusing on the W.I.N. Part 1 - Time with God! ...Galatians 1:6-17

"I've tasted fire I'm ready to come alive, I can't just shut it up and fake that I'm alright...I'm ready now, I'm not waiting for the afterlife.

I'll let it burn the way the sunlight burns my skin, the way I feel inside, the way the day begins...I'm ready now, I'm not waiting for the other side...I'm ready now, I'm ready now...

'Cause everyday the world is made, a chance to change, but I feel the same. And I wonder why would I wait till I die to come alive? ...I'm ready now, I'm not waiting for the afterlife" ...Afterlife, Switchfoot

1. Standing Firm in the Truth...

Scripture... Galatians 1:6-10, Psalm 1:1-3, Psalm 119:11

- *What's Important NOW? (Focusing on the W.I.N.)*

2. The Equipping of a Man of God...Hearing from God!

Scripture... Acts 22:12-16, Galatians 1:11-14, Galatians 1:15-17

- *Example of a Solid Man of God...*
- *Moving, or Improving?...*
- *What's Important NOW? (Focusing on the W.I.N.)*

3. Intentional Solitude... Time Alone with God!

Scripture... Mark 1:35, Psalm 5:1-3, Matthew 14:23, Luke 9:18, 9:28, Mark 6:46, John 6:15, Isaiah 40:31

- *Content in His presence...Psalm 16:11, Psalm 27:4*

4. "Why do you Wait?"...

Scripture... Acts 22:16

- *"I'm Ready NOW...I'm Not Waiting for the Afterlife...!"*

Group Discussion

Remembering the word W.I.N., meaning **“What’s Important Now”**, can help you to evaluate the past, focus on the future, and most importantly tell you what you need to do in the present, to help you balance your time, make wise choices and decisions, be purposeful and intentional in your actions, and equip you in growing strong as a Man of God, Husband, Dad, and Friend...reflecting the Lord Jesus more and more in every area of your life...

1. When you think about **“Standing Firm in the Truth”** of God’s Word, living your life as a Man of God, and focusing on **What’s Important Now** that will help equip you...

What choices and actions are Important Now (W.I.N.) that will help you to know God’s Word, stand firm in it, and grow in applying it to every area of your life? ...*be descriptive*

2. When you think about growing deep in your relationship with the Lord Jesus and being intentional about having time alone in prayer and hearing from Him... **What’s Important Now** that will help you to grow and improve...

3. What are some of the specific areas of your life, such as in being a Husband, Dad, Friend, Neighbor, or Employee, that you need to improve on, ...and **What actions are Important Now** for you to commit to in order to improve in these areas? ...*be descriptive!*

4. Being alone with God causes us to see Him for Who He really is...away from our distractions. The Apostle Paul knew **“about”** God from his education...but in Arabia, having time alone with God, he came to **“know God”**, (*not just know about Him*).

- What things are there in your life that distract you from hearing from and knowing the Lord?
- What actions will you take to eliminate or overcome those distractions? (*Think about What’s Important Now!*)

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It’s great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it’s great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God’s Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)