

If God Moved Today, Would You Be Ready?

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Hosea 10:12; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Mathew 25:14-30

**God Controls The Timing Of His Work;
We Are Responsible For The Readiness Of Our World**

I. Wanting God to work, doesn't mean you are ready to receive

- A. We often desire outcomes more than investing in action
- B. We pray for rain without preparing the field
- C. We seek change without faithful stewardship

II. God establishes ownership before He demands faithfulness (Matthew 14-15)

- A. The Master equips His servants
- B. The Master initiates the relationship & the assignment
- C. What is given belongs to the Master, not the servant
- D. The Master communicates confidence through entrustment
- E. Responsibility is assigned according to:
 - 1. His riches
 - 2. His will
 - 3. Our faith
 - 4. Our ability

III. God calls servants to steward, not sit (vv. 16-18)

- A. The role of a steward
 - 1. Authority without ownership
 - 2. Action without usurpation
 - 3. Responsibility without sovereignty
- B. The response of a steward
 - 1. Delay is never spiritually neutral
 - 2. Faithful servants act immediately in obedience
- C. The reasoning of an unfaithful steward
 - 1. Fear often disguised as wisdom
 - 2. Calloused hearts are cautious

IV. Faithful stewardship is the measure of readiness (vv. 19-23)

- A. Faithfulness is evaluated when the Master returns
- B. The reward is increased responsibility, not increased comfort
- C. Joy flows from obedience & trust

V. God responds to prepared conditions, not forced into action (2 Chronicles 7:14)

- A. Dew forms when the conditions are aligned, but it doesn't always fall
- B. Scripture reveals prerequisites, not formulas
 - 1. Humility
 - 2. Prayer
 - 3. Seek God's face
 - 4. Repentance
- C. Conditions prepare us to receive what God chooses to do
- D. God remains sovereign over timing & outcome

VI. **Stewardship touches every area of your life**

- A. Spiritual readiness
- B. Mental readiness
- C. Emotional readiness
- D. Physical readiness
- E. Financial readiness
- F. Intellectual readiness

VII. **Misunderstanding God leads to mismanaged responsibility (vv. 24-25)**

- A. A distorted view of God's character shapes our own behavior
- B. Theology can be misused to excuse inactivity
- C. Gifts are buried when trust is replaced by fear

VIII. **God's work advances through prepared people**

- A. Stewardship is an individual calling
- B. Readiness is a communal calling
- C. Preparation strengthens the body of Christ
- D. Faithfulness multiplies through shared obedience

**Preparation Does Not Force God's Hand,
But It Positions You To Faithfully Participate In His Work**

Guiding Questions For Preparation Based on 2 Chronicles 7:14

1. Humility - "If My people... humble themselves"

- What area of my life have I stopped bringing under God's authority?
- What would it look like to begin this year acknowledging my need for God, not my confidence in myself?

2. Prayer - "and pray"

- When was the last time prayer shaped my desires instead of just expressing them?
- Is prayer my reflex when I'm unsure, or my last resort when I've tried everything else?

3. Seeking God's face - "and seek My face"

- Am I seeking God Himself, or just seeking what I want Him to do?
- If God answered none of my requests this year, would I still want His presence?

4. Repentance - "and turn from their wicked ways"

- Is there anything in my life that I know resists God's work but I've tolerated anyway?
- What obedience have I delayed under the label of "timing" or "wisdom"?

5. Readiness - Integrating the whole

- If God moved powerfully in my life this year, would I be ready to steward what He entrusted?
- Am I preparing for the work I'm praying for, or just hoping for the outcome?