

Knowing The Times & Seasons Of Our Lives

_____ kills.

The old adage, “speed kills” no longer refers to only drivers on the highway.

Today’s ministry leader is dangerously tired. We are too busy and too distracted to find much hope unless we undergo so drastic “ministry surgery”.

What happens when I run too fast for too long? _____

A philosopher in the previous century put it this way: “Hurry is not of the Devil; hurry is the Devil.”

Richard Foster said, “Our Adversary majors in three things: noise, hurry and crowds. If he can keep us engaged in ‘muchness’ and ‘manyness,’ he will rest satisfied.

_____ is a static (*lacking in movement, action, or change, especially in a way viewed as undesirable or uninteresting*) concept.

Balance occurs when two weights on the scales are equal. This theory is grossly flawed because it presumes that our lives can find such an evenness.

Life is non static, however, it is fluid.

Life is in a constant state of _____.

_____ define our lives, therefore, we should live in harmony with those seasons.

Nature operates and teaches us the law of seasons:

- Orbital (annual): based on the earth orbiting the sun.
- Seasonal (quarterly): based on the tilt of the earth.
- Lunar (monthly): based on the cycle of the moon.
- Sabbath (weekly): based on the creation pattern of seven days.
- Rotational (daily): based on the rotation of the earth.

- Bruce Miller

What can I do only in this stage (season) of my life? _____

Develop A Theology of Limitations

Understanding that each _____ has its own natural limitations will release you from certain expectations.

Mismanaged expectations will create frustration and potentially lead to _____.

_____ occurs when we are on our own agenda and not His.

Discussion Questions

1. What is your "busy season"?
2. What are the first signs that you're not living within the natural ebb and flow of your present season?
3. If you are married, how can you help each other handle those seasons that demand more of you than usual?

Answers

- Speed
- Balance
- flux
- Seasons
- season
- burnout
- Burnout