

Impatience Impedes Spiritual Growth

Back in the early 2000s I was given prophetic injunctions to change the way I was operating. This was well before my enlightenment to the Kingdom paradigm and a proper understanding of the *ekklesia*. On three occasions when others were praying for me in a prayer line I was given a short sentence which impacted me.

In the first instance, three people said, “Stop performing”. These directives from Heaven were given to me about two weeks apart from people who had no idea that I was ‘performing’ in an attempt to get promotion in my employment, so I could be elevated into leadership. On the third occasion of hearing this instruction, I complied and immediately gave up performance in every part of my life.

In the second instance, three people said, “Stop striving”. At that time I was worn out because I had been pushing myself to achieve in ‘church’ life and in employment, but these three people didn’t know that. On the third occasion of hearing this instruction, I complied and immediately gave up striving in every part of my life – not an easy thing to do.

About 10 years later I had another significant change in the way I functioned. I learnt from a brother who inhabits Heaven that I can’t force things in the Kingdom. The Kingdom operates in peace, rest, relaxation (through trust in the Trinity), so any attempt to force things to happen causes the Kingdom to resist back. This was counter-intuitive to the way I’d learnt to operate in the world and in employment. I intermediately ceased pressing into the Kingdom and ‘leaned into it’ instead – that’s when things opened up for me.

A fourth thing I learnt along the way was that Heaven isn’t in a hurry to get things done. That was another counter-intuitive thing the world and employment had programmed into me. I learnt that my progress in maturity as a son and the path into my destiny requires time for me to change and there was no rush to do that. I learnt to apply peace, rest, relaxation into my life and to “enjoy the processes” of change as they came along.

That’s a lot to learn. However, it’s taken about 20 years for the above 4 changes to bring me to where I am today. They were all important – essential, actually – for me to be the son that I am right now, but they weren’t given to me all at once. It took time for me to appropriate them in my life. If I continued to be aware of time and that my life was passing by, I could have become anxious that I hadn’t fulfilled everything I was put on this planet to do. Resting in Father and living one day at a time, in his love and care, has allowed me to be changed on the inside, where it’s important to have changes take place.

Resting and relaxing in his presence (“The Presence”¹) has allowed me to make greater spiritual progress because being in his presence is where I’m supposed to be. The more I’m there, unconscious of time, the more he can teach me by impartation and revelation, and the more changes he can make to my heart and mind.

Here’s a recent instruction from Father about this:

*“Tangible realities of my nearness are available to those who dare to believe, who are willing to take the time to search for my face, and who aren’t content with occasional encounters, but desire something more. Think of the most radical stories you’ve heard of when heaven invaded earthly lives, then take to heart the fact that I want even more for you. There is no limit to my love, no limit to how deep you can go. **Impatience will try to squeeze you into an awareness of time**, but you must come to me and stay in my presence. Stay there until all sense of time and space fades into the distance and you’re swept into the currents of my glory. Beloved, set aside time for me. Make our relationship your priority.”*²

1 – Read canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Learning-to-get-into-The-Presence.pdf & canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/The-Kings-Presence-is-Not-in-Religious-Culture-and-Ritual.pdf
2 – Brian Simmons (24-12-2020) “I Hear His Whisper...”*“Set aside time for glorious encounters.”*
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Here's another recent one:

“Be quiet and still. Wait for Me and I will come to you and speak to your heart. I will reveal to you what you desire to know and understand. I will give wisdom and guidance. You will only hear Me when you set yourself apart from the noise and chaos of the world around you and seek.”³

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3 – “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (24-12-2020) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm

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