

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you so much for visiting our website! Here is an excerpt of my notes from Pastor A.J.'s sermon, "DO YOU KNOW WHAT SEASON YOU'RE IN AND HOW TO MANAGE IT?"

We pray this Message will bless you the way it blessed us! Please come back again next week for more from "LaKesha's Pen" with another inspiring message from our Pastor.

Yours in Christ,

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GENESIS 1:11-16 NIV

In the book of Genesis also known as the book of Beginnings you read how God magnificently created the Earth. Originally the Earth was without form and God took chaos and disorder and created order. In this time of creation God created seed-bearing plants and trees. Each plant and tree would bring forth seed according to their own kind. God gives many blessings in seed form. He instructs us to manage what He has already blessed us with before asking Him for more. (**See Luke 16**)

How are you handling your blessings?

In order for you to be able to begin handling the blessings you currently have you must gain wisdom to know what season you are in. By knowing the current season you're in you will inevitably know what to do in that season. Just as a farmer knows when to sow new seed for the upcoming harvest he knows when and how to nurture the seeds he has sown and he also knows when it's time to pluck up the harvest.

TIME:

It's important to know and understand timing. Knowing the timing is vital to your season just as the seasons are to the farmer. Knowing what to do and when to do it is key to your success. You must be sensitive to God's timing. Just because a certain thing worked for you in the past does not mean it will work for you now. Your timing is crucial! Stepping out of God's time may have caused you to find yourself in a situation where you were doing the right thing and because it was at the wrong time you didn't get the right result. (**See Ecclesiastes 3**) There is a time for everything. God has placed us in time so we are all subject to it. In order for you to get the expected harvest you must do things within its season. Stepping out in your own time brings frustration. You must know where you are going. (**See Jeremiah 29:11**) The resources for knowing have been made available to you. The only thing constant in this world besides God is change. If you are willing to let go of the old and learn to embrace the new this puts God in a position to do something spectacular for you and through you! It's important that you don't become so anchored to your past. When God tells you it's time to let a certain thing or situation go you will be able to receive His grace to move on. Remember what God removes He always replaces it with something new but in order to receive what He has for you must trust Him! Going through a difficult season helps you with the new season God has for you.

2017 A Shifting Season

Grasp hold of where you are in 2017. What is different about you? Like in **Genesis 1**, what are you doing to bring order into your life? Are you handling the chaos? What is God leading you to rearrange? If you do things in the order God tells you to do it, it will transform your situation. What has God sent to you in seed form? Your seed must be sown. Get it out of your hands and get your eyes off of it. Plant it! God is the Creator and we are His Creation. He has shared with you His ability to dream and have visions or ideas. These are His seeds for your future. All dreams start off in a raw form. It's up to you to shape the blessings that are brought forth from them. What are you shaping for your tomorrow? Stop

wasting your tomorrow on today. Speak the Word of God in your life and into the lives of those around you just as God did in Genesis. Surround yourself with people who bring out your creativity and not negativity.

New Season

In this new season God may not explain everything He is doing but He will reveal it. In **Hebrews 11**, states faith is having confidence in what you hope for and it's an assurance in what you do not see. It's important for you to find the balance between having no plan at all and over planning. **Proverbs 16:9**, puts it this way...***In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*** Stay open and sensitive to the voice and leadership of the Holy Spirit when He speaks to you concerning this new season. In **Habbakuk** it tells you to write the vision but always be willing to change it! Don't follow the crowd. Be you and be the best you, you can be! Don't let others lead you astray because in this new season God has revealed some things only to you and other people can't see His plan.

God's Strategy

God has a preplanned method for your life.

Do what you can do today and remember to take it one day at a time!

God's System

Learn to do things God's way.

God uses seed form for all his blessings.

Don't expect the crowd to support you.

Take ownership of your life!

There are some things you can't change from your past but you can change your future!

God will restore time.

Keep God central in your life.

Move from falling to struggling and from struggling to victory!

Be ready for the battle daily.

If you have not made Jesus the Savior and Lord of your life now is the time!
Today is your day and 2017 is your year when you make God central in your life.

Galatians 6:9, And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart!