



Where Is The Line Between Doing What We Can And 'Being Still And Knowing He Is God'?

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Introduction

I. Today's Question

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There are principles that show that we have responsibilities to act, but we are also called to wait on God and trust him.

II. The Call to Effort

a. The scripture clearly defines the responsibility that we have to act.

Scripture Proverbs 12:24

The hand of the diligent will rule,

But the lazy *man* will be put to forced labor.

b. Doing what we can in the situations we face is a service to the Lord.

Scripture Colossians 3:23-24

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

c. Not assuming our responsibilities is an act of unbelief.

Scripture 1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

III. The Call to Wait

a. We are also called to wait on the Lord.

Scripture Psalm 27:14

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

b. There are some things out of our control and we must wait in faith.

Scripture Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I *am* God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!

c. We are strengthened during the times of waiting.

Scripture Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the Lord

Shall renew *their* strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

Scripture **Philippians 4:6-7**

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

IV. Finding the Balance

- a. Doing and waiting are not in conflict with each other.**
- b. We need to guard against gravitating to one over the other.**
- c. Doing and waiting should complement each other.**

Scripture **Proverbs 16:3**

Commit your works to the Lord,

And your thoughts will be established.

Scripture **Proverbs 16:9**

A man's heart plans his way,

But the Lord directs his steps.

Conclusion