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Taking Your Leap of Faith in This Leap Year



The Leap Year of 2016 is a perfect time to take that leap of faith and build your wings on the way down! Heading for greater! Determined to do more! Destined to be better than I am!

What is it that you have been contemplating doing? What do you know that God has called you to do, and you have just been waiting until the time is *right* to even get started? When *will* the time be *right*? Have you *checked* your watch lately? How much time *do* you have remaining? Do you know? Has God revealed that to you? How *long* have you been languishing?

No one knows the day or the hour when the Lord shall come.

There is much work to be done in the kingdom and you have been given the keys to *do* what you *can* do. Are you using those keys? Time is of the essence. *Desiring* to do is not enough. These are the last days, and whatever we are *going* to do for God and for humanity, we must get busy *doing*.

You Need Your Keys to Get to Work

Do you even know *what* or *where* your keys *are*? How many times have you said, in real time, "Has anyone seen my keys? I can't find my keys." In the actual sense, we search in places where we think we would normally *find* them, but for some reason those keys remain hidden from us, sometimes even in plain sight and we are just overlooking them. And what happens in the spiritual sense can be similar as well. God has given us gifts and talents as keys to use here on this earth, but we have often not found those keys, even though they may be in plain sight of those who are around us. Are you examining your life?

How can we get to work in the kingdom of God when we do not even know what we *can* do? Or, perhaps we know, but have been hesitant about getting started. The year is still brand new. How about making this the year of "all or nothing"? In other words, why not just "go for broke," especially if you are broke *anyway*, in some form or another? Whether broke in your pocketbook or broken in spirit, there comes a time when you have to just take that *leap of faith* and trust God that He will bring to fruition everything He has promised you, but only as you are willing to use the keys that He has given *you*. Do you know *where* or *what* your keys are?

Heading for Greater

Are you reading this and thinking to yourself that you have been feeling like "greater is coming"? If so, consider this word picture. See your life as a small movie clip of two lovers in a wide open field running toward each other in slow motion with outstretched arms. One is "Heading for Greater" and the other is "Greater is Coming." As you are heading for greater, greater is coming toward you at the same time. Notice that *each* of you is *in motion*. One is not standing still while the other is running forward. The excitement and anticipation of the embrace are building as you are running toward each other.

No one who *really* expects greater to come to him or her is just sitting around waiting on it. If you are *not* in motion, chances are greater is *not* headed your way. In this instance, imagine that you were just standing on the porch with your arms outstretched and you *thought* greater was running toward you, but greater passed right by you and was in fact running toward someone else who was already in motion. Now, do you still feel like "greater is *coming*?" Then you must be "*heading* for greater." We have *got* to get in motion to make things happen. Standing around *waiting* for it is *not* it. Get ready; get set; go!

Determined to Do More

Now that we've settled *that* point, what is it that you really *want* to do *in* life and *with* your life? And notice **do** is the operative word. If you are *already* doing what you want to do, and living your dream life, is there anything *more* that you want to do or can do? Oh, wait; I can answer *that* one myself: there must be something *else* because you are still *here*. Recently, a few of us have been talking about the *capacity* to do more within the context of the Scriptural admonition that "*To whom much is given, of them much is required.*" In fact, I wrote elsewhere:

The struggle is to *always* be your best self, because *you* know that **GOD** knows your **capacity** for achievement, accomplishment, significance, or whatever you want to label it. **GOD** *alone* holds the measuring rod. His is the only fair standard because it is based on the truth of what HE has put *within* you, and THAT... is what you will be judged by. Nothing more; nothing less.

Doing more is the goal I have set for my *own* life. My [degrees] and/or whatever else I have accomplished up to this point are *not* the end. I must keep pushing forward for as long as I am here, because God has [clearly] left me here for a reason. Seeking to fulfill destiny according to divine purpose for *me* and *my* life is the only thing that will make my life complete. This is heavy, but is [nevertheless] the truth by which we must live.

We are not done until our days are done in the final sense. There is always the question of "What's next?" that looms on the surface of every completed task, every accomplished goal. So, for whatever you have done, do more; wherever you have been, there are still more places to see and explore; whomever you have helped, there are still more people who *need* your help. Just as God said, "*For as long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest will continue,*" so must *we* continue to work. I have no laurels upon which to rest. I am *determined* to do more, since clearly I have the **capacity** to do more. Why *else* am I still here?

Destined to Be Better Than I Am

The harvest is *always greater* than the seeds that we sow; be sure to *sow* into your *overflow*.

But this I say, He who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make ALL grace abound toward you; that ye, ALWAYS having ALL sufficiency in ALL things, may abound to EVERY good work:
(2 Corinthians 9:6-8, emphases mine)

Are you wondering how the title of this section connects to the opening sentence and Scripture? I must admit that I have mostly seen and used this Scripture in the context of giving monetarily to the church for the work of the ministry. And that was and still is legitimate, as it was the context within which these words were first penned by the Apostle Paul. And over the years, God has helped me to open this passage up to His people in such a way that it has increased their faith **and** their substance as a result of acting accordingly.

However, I also see this text with a different stress – that of "**abounding to every good work.**" In addition to sowing monetary seed, I can sow time and talent and service into the kingdom and into humanity in general, in bountiful ways, and with a cheerful spirit, and I will **never** not have enough to do what **I** need to do. God's principle of sowing and reaping is a universal one that operates in every aspect of our lives. When I give, it shall be given *back* to me in *good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over* (Luke 6:38).

As God's word is opened up to me in fuller revelation, I can do better than I have done in the past. And as I **do** better, I **become** a better person than I was before. It is *never* about me being better than anyone else, but is always about me being as good as **I** am supposed to be, as in maximizing my own potential. Have you reached your capacity yet? If not, keep going. Begin now, and continue throughout 2016 to increase your sowing across the board, and watch God "*multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness*" (2 Cor 9:10b, emphases mine).

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