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## 4 PROCRASTINATION, THE DREAM KILLER

Procrastination is a dream killer. When you have dreams that are larger than your bank account, it seems impossible. You must take the initiative to start where you are. You do not need approval from your bank account to begin preparing for your greatness. It's easier said than done because we go back and forth about it in our minds for weeks, months, and sometimes our whole life. Eventually, we must decide and accept if we are really up to the challenge or not. The time to make that final decision is right now. The longer we wait, the less likely we are to do it at all. By continually putting it off, we train ourselves to be content with a lack of excellence that can seep into other areas of our lives. Have you ever had an idea that

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you let slip away, then afterward noticed someone else reaping the benefits of doing something that you procrastinated on doing? The pain of attempting something and not succeeding is not nearly as bad as the pain of never even knowing what would have happened if you tried. Don't wait until it's too late. We only have one life. Every day is a step closer to the end. What will your last thoughts be before you leave this world? Will it be a series of I should have or could have, or will you be able to surrender peacefully knowing that you did your best? Dreams are not meant for the darkness of the grave. They are made to enhance the light of the world.

Procrastination is choosing not to do something when you have an opportunity or the intentional delaying of it. Unlike waiting, the procrastinator has complete control over the situation and a choice. At one point or another, a wait may be required. Everyone is busy with careers, children, spouses, responsibilities, and other activities of life that cannot always be immediately dropped. Waiting can be used

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as a time for productivity in areas connected with your goals, but procrastination is never productive.

If you have done all you can do and are waiting for things beyond your control to come together, you must wait patiently with faith in obedience. Obedience is not about following a strict set of rules that dictate what you can or cannot do. Obedience is living life in a manner that allows God to freely use you by steering clear of things that cause it to take longer to fulfill your purpose. For example, we must be obedient to the commandment not to steal. If one is disobedient to that commandment, how much longer would it take for them to achieve their dream if they are restricted to a prison cell? Sin will always get in the way. Obedience is a lifestyle that allows you to progress without engaging in activities that have possible consequences that will hinder you from reaching your destination. Even in obedience, there will be challenges beyond our control. We should not bring additional problems upon ourselves via sin.

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