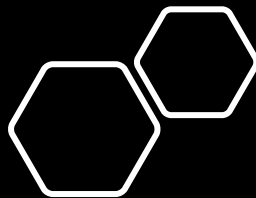


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JOTHAM

Jehovah's Ways Are Perfect & Complete

11th King of Judah



So Jotham became mighty,
because he prepared his ways
before the LORD his God.

2 Chronicles 27:1, 6 (AMP)

Jotham was 25-years-old when he
began to reign, and he reigned 16
years in Jerusalem.



I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! ²⁷ I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (MSG)



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²⁶ (NLT) So I run with purpose in every step.
I am not just shadowboxing

²⁷ (AMP) But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit].





**When he came
there was no
light. When he
left there was
no darkness.**

A.W. Milne

Missionary to the New Hebrides in
South Pacific.

When did we start believing that God wants to send us to safe places to do easy things? That faithfulness is holding the fort? That playing it safe is safe? That there is any greater privilege than sacrifice? That radical is anything but normal?

Jesus didn't die to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous. The will of God is not an insurance plan. It's a daring plan. The complete surrender of your life to the cause of Christ isn't radical. It's normal. It's time to quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.

He went knowing full well that the headhunters who lived there had martyred every missionary before him. Milne did not fear for his life, because he had already died to himself. His coffin was packed. For thirty-five years, he lived among that tribe and loved them.

Why Intentional?

1. You want to make a difference.
2. I want every day to matter.
3. I want to add value to people.
4. I want to end well.

Nicky's Definition

TO BE INTENTIONAL

is to consciously live a life of significance
with a purpose, plan, and priorities
having a persevering attitude.

Questions to Ponder

1. Am I happy, genuinely challenged and fulfilled in life?
2. Am I making a consistent investment for God's assignment?
3. Is the direction of my life an indicator of my God given Vision?
4. Is there Freshness, Innovation, and are people challenged?
5. What's the message my life radio sends out daily?
6. Am I doing something that I can do without?

Matthew 21:18-19 (TPT)

While walking back into the city the next morning, he got hungry. ¹⁹ He noticed a lone fig tree by the side of the path and walked over to see if there was any fruit on it, but there was none—he found only leaves. So he spoke to the fig tree and said, “You will be barren and will never bear fruit again!” Instantly the fig tree shriveled up right in front of their eyes!



1. Parable of Unfulfilled Trust.

It was receiving life but not passing it on.

2. It was a Violation of Creation.

Because God has programmed everything to reproduce... increase.

3. Barren

It drew people to itself in expectation of receiving fruit, only to send them away hungry and empty.



Jesus told this parable: “There was a man who planted a fig tree in his orchard. But when he came to gather fruit from his tree he found none, for it was barren and had no fruit. ⁷ So he said to his gardener, ‘For the last three years I’ve come to gather figs from my tree but it remains fruitless. What a waste! Go ahead and cut it down!’

Luke 13:6-9 (TPT)



⁸ “But the gardener said, ‘Sir, we should leave it one more year. **Let me fertilise and cultivate it**, then let’s see if it will produce fruit. ⁹ If it doesn’t bear fruit by next year, we’ll cut it down.’”

Luke 13:6-9 (TPT)



7 BARREN WOMEN OF COVENANT (O.T)

1. SARAH
2. REBEKAH
3. LEAH
4. RACHEL
5. MANOAH's WIFE
6. HANNAH
7. ELIZABETH



HANNAH

1. Understand Your Season

And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the LORD had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1:4-5 (NKJV)



A spiritual season is a **identifiable
period of time** during which God
works to.



1. Produce – a greater degree of spiritual growth and maturity.

2. Prepare – us for a future task or ministry to which He is calling us.

3. Promote – us to positions where we can be used to achieve victories over the forces of darkness and extend the Kingdom of God.



I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. ² Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

John 15:1-2 (AMP)



What Kind of Things Does He Take Away?

- a. Things that have served their purpose.
- b. Things that refuse to change.
- c. Things that will give you trouble later.
- d. Things that are standing in the way of something better.
- e. Things that are holding you back.
- f. Things that He has not chosen for you.



HANNAH

2. Uncover your pain before God

But her rival wife taunted her cruelly, rubbing it in and never letting her forget that GOD had not given her children. ⁷ This went on year after year. Every time she went to the sanctuary of GOD she could expect to be taunted. Hannah was reduced to tears and had no appetite.



1 Samuel 1:6-7 (MSG)

HANNAH

3. Unite Your Heart To Honour

“Offense is the number one way the enemy uses to get us out of the place of blessing.”



As she was praying to the LORD, Eli watched her. ¹³ Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking. ¹⁴ “Must you come here drunk?” he demanded. “Throw away your wine!” ¹⁵ “Oh no, sir!” she replied. “I haven’t been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the LORD.

1 Samuel 1:12-17 (NLT)



¹⁶ Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow.” ¹⁷ “In that case,” Eli said, “go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him.”

1 Samuel 1:12-17 (NLT)



4 DECISIONS

1. Refuse to live like a victim.
2. Isolate the problem.
3. Let 'perfect love' of the Father heal you.
4. What you've received, give away.



...one thing I do, forgetting those things
which are behind and reaching forward
to those things which are ahead...

Philippians 3:13 (NKJV)



Me? Am I really offended...

1. You cannot forget what God has forgiven.
2. You cannot forget what someone else has done to you.
3. You cannot forget what you've done to others.

