

YE WERE WILLING FOR A SEASON

JOHN 5

Text: John 5:35

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³⁵ He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

Introduction:

Many have been willing for a season, but sadly as the seasons change so do they.

Many have been willing for a season to:

- Come to Church Faithfully
- Go Soul Winning
- Run a Bus Routes
- Come To Prayer Meeting

Why Do People Quit?

1. PRETENTIOUS WALK

Matthew 13:1-9

¹ The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. ² And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. ³ And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; ⁴ And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: ⁵ Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: ⁶ And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: ⁸ But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. ⁹ Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:18-23

¹⁸ Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. ²⁰ But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; ²¹ Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. ²² He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. ²³ But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

- A. No Depth
- B. No Direction
- C. No Determination
- D. No Discernment

2. PERVERSION WITHIN

Galatians 1:6-7

⁶I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: ⁷Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

- A. No Sound Doctrine

3. PERSUASION WITHOUT

Galatians 5:7-8

⁷Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? ⁸This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.

- A. Honorable
- B. Hindering
- C. Halting (should not obey the truth)

4. PRESENT WORLD

2 Timothy 4:10

¹⁰ For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

A. 1 John 2:15 - We are not to love the world

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B. 1 John 2:15 - Things of the world

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C. Romans 12:2 - Be not conformed to the world

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² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 Peter 1:13-16

¹³ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: ¹⁵ But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner

of conversation; ¹⁶ Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

5. PERSISTENT WICKEDNESS

2 Peter 2:10-15

¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. ¹¹ Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. ¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; ¹³ And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; ¹⁴ Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: ¹⁵ Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son of Bosor*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

- A. Cannot Cease From Sin
- B. Beguiling unstable Souls
- C. Covetous
- D. Forsaken the Right Way
- E. Love the Wages of unrighteousness

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Close:

Many have been willing for a season.

Many did run well, but have been hindered, and forsaken the right way.