

“When I Have A Convenient Season”

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Truer words were never spoken! Is there ever a *convenient* time to do what is difficult? Paul had just spoken to Felix about “*righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come*” (Acts 24:25). “Yes sir,” Felix thought, “I’ll change my life totally when I get around to it.” For a soldier and politician like Felix, dealing with righteousness and self-control is just about as tough as it gets!

But think about our own lives. When is it “*convenient*” to get on that diet and lose weight? When is it “*convenient*” to change that bad habit? When is it “*convenient*” to lose that sinful anger? We are creatures of habit, and we would rather *comfortably* hang on to a bad habit than to change!

The life work of a gospel preacher is about as difficult a job as there is. You are constantly asking people to change, to improve, to become better. The biblical word is “*repent*.” In order to become a Christian, you have to leave behind the old life of sin and that is done by *repenting*. There’s a whole big world out there that hates Christianity because it holds them accountable and expects them to change! People realize that a “*convenient season*” may never come, so they would just rather condemn God, the Bible and Christ’s church!

Dear reader, what is it in your life that you need to change? Is there anything you are thinking, doing, or not doing that will keep you from heaven? If so, then you had better find a “*convenient season*” (**NOW**, 2 Cor. 6:2) and make that change. If there are multiple things you need to change, then let me suggest that you just start with one thing at a time. Getting overwhelmed with problems won’t solve anything.

Remember, God is a God of love, mercy, patience, and forgiveness — He knows what your life is like, and He will help you where you need it. Just begin to take responsibility for yourself.

J.W. McGarvey, a preacher from the nineteenth century, said that he wished that he had the **power** to cause people to repent. He thought that would be the greatest power of all. Getting people to change for the *better* is the greatest challenge of all. There is something that we all need to change.

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