

## “A Convenient Season”?

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**“Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, ‘Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you’” (Acts 24:25, KJV).**

Currently we are in the **“vacation season”** where everyone is going, returning, or planning on going. It’s pretty inconvenient to plan sermons for who is going to be here.

Soon we will be in the **“school season”** where everyone is getting school clothes, materials, class schedules, etc. for school, and then going to school with new teachers, subjects, and assignments. It’s not very convenient to do our Bible class lessons during this time.

During the Fall, it will be **“football season”** where everybody gears up for the Chiefs, and for favorite college teams, make plans for their “fantasy league teams,” and hopes for the best year ever! Bible study gets squeezed into a corner, or worse yet, squeezed out!

At this same time, there is the **“allergy season,”** where we all get sick from the blooming fall plants. Some get sinus infections, colds, etc. and are on some pretty serious medications that make it hard to think. Add to this the **“flu season,”** and things continue to interfere with our spiritual lives.

Then there is the new **“fall lineup” (season)** of television shows, movies, etc. that threaten to take up a ton of our time, and it’s hard to find time to read the Bible!

As a preacher, I can tell you it’s pretty discouraging trying to labor through all of this and still get some effective teaching done. But I can also tell you that those who are serious about increasing their faith deal with all of these distractions while keeping the Lord “front & center” in their minds. Life is general is difficult on Christianity, and Satan makes sure that there are plenty of distractions to hinder us (Lk. 8:7, 14). *You and I had better focus seriously during all of these “seasons” on our spiritual well-being.* Satan is doing all he can to keep us from it!

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