

IT PAYS TO PAY ATTENTION

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Character is the accumulation of good decisions and choices.
- B. Godly character knows that God is up to something...something in us and through us.
 - Chronos Time: Clock time
 - Kairos Time: God's intended purpose
- C. God has an intended Kairos purpose for each of us. Developing one's Christlike character is what enables us to accomplish our Kairos purpose on this planet.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour (Kairos time) has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. — Romans 13:11

I. ACHIEVING OUR GOD-INTENDED PURPOSE

- A. Character is about faith development.

Joshua said to the people, "Now fear (revere) the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped...and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

— Joshua 24:14-15

- Joshua was Moses' assistant and successor leading the Israelites in their Exodus out in the desert. This is his final speech to them before possessing the Promised Land.

- B. Faithfulness is an intentional choice.

Choose for yourselves...

— Joshua 24:15

- C. Faithfulness is an urgent choice.

Choose for yourselves this day.

— Joshua 24:15

- D. Faithfulness is a heartfelt choice.

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.

— Joshua 24:15

- Some people suffer from spiritual heart trouble.

Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.

— James 1:6

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

— Matthew 6:24

- Perhaps we have to "***put away forever the idols***" we worship?

- E. Faithfulness in God is something we want to pass on to others (especially our children).

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

— Joshua 24:15

CONCLUSIONS: