

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation
Life Principle #14
God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.

- One of the hardest things for us to surrender is our own timing allowing God's timing - not our own agenda - to guide our lives. What are ways that you get ahead of God's work in your life?
- Do you find yourself on a regular basis manipulating circumstances around you to get your own way?
- Are you calmly accepting the Lord's work in your life?
- Do you feel like you are outside of God's will and have missed out on His best? Has hurt, pressure and suffering been prevalent in your life? If so, consider the disappointment and hurt in your life. Are they prevalent because of impatient actions you have taken instead of waiting on the Lord?
- Do you trust that God will accomplish what He promises?

What does it mean to wait on God?

- Resting in the Lord requires patience, which is simply the will to wait.
- We must listen for further instruction, instead of rushing ahead with our solution.
- Waiting requires that we calmly accept the Lord's work in our lives.
- Some of us may have to surrender what seems like an immediate need and resist the temptation to set our own timeline.
- Waiting on Him is purposeful anticipation that God will accomplish what He promises.

Why do we have to wait? God is...

- **Arranging circumstances**
- **Purifying our motives.** Rather than act out of lust, greed, or pride, we should be stirred by love, service, and obedience.
- **Teaching us to rely on Him.** If every prayer were answered immediately, we might never learn to trust God.
- **Protecting us from unseen danger.** Those who rush ahead of the Father run into unexpected difficulties.
- **Preparing us to impact others.** When you wait on God's timing, you can be an awesome testimony of the Lord's faithfulness.

It's your choice. You can manipulate circumstances; walk away from God; or wait on Him, watch Him work, and reap the reward.