

Give God His opportunity. Make it your Purpose. He always recognizes it when you do it right. Only by faith can we give God His opportunity. 1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Our purpose in life is to give God what He wants. God wants the opportunity to give us rest. Then we are at our best. Acts 2:26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

Hope is a dwelling place, designed by God, where all is well.

God wants us to rest in hope. I have written a book called Attitude of Hope. My son Mark Friend recorded it on two CD's. You will enjoy listening to Mark read my book to you.

I have had enough things happen to me in life that I have learned how to live in hope. Hope has become my dwelling place, my stronghold, my attitude. By works I can make my faith perfect.

The key to having rest in life is knowing my purpose. My rest is not always taking off a 24 hour day and letting God run the world all by Himself. My rest is being in the will of God and confidently releasing it ALL to Him knowing the judge of all the earth will do right. Purpose generates rest in God. When I quit giving out I regress and forsake.

I can handle my stress according to my purpose. I do not need less stress, I need more purpose. Knowing my purpose is a powerful attitude. It is a power surge of hope. My purpose in life is to generate hope in others. My discipline in life is the Word of God. The scripture, "I can do all things," gives me strength to go on when I truly believe it.

When John the Baptist was in prison needing hope, Jesus sent him words of encouragement. These are the words Jesus encouraged John with, "THE DEAD ARE RAISED!" Stand up straight on that one John. You are going to die but the dead are raised. This is our goal. This is our purpose.

I must grasp the full meaning of my calling. My calling is not over until I am resurrected. I rest in that.

Most ministers start out preaching and having a full time job. I have been there and done that. I was driving home from work one day totally exhausted. I said to God, I'm going home to teach a Bible Study to help these people and I need help myself. God put a scripture in my heart about the Good Shepherd. John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. God spoke to my heart and said: "Son I am already at your home taking care of things. Just drive on home I will be there when you get there to inspire you." It is amazing the rest I felt from that moment on. The key to handling stress is purpose. The word from God is--Pursue.

We live on the Apostolic Cutting Edge, which is, this moment. We react to the moment as God presents it to us. It is this moment King David referred to when he said: PS 16:8 "I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." David was aware that God was always there in his present moment.

I am safe in this Apostolic Cutting Edge present Moment. I live in that safety. How many moments of SAFETY have I WASTED worrying about something that never did happen? There are many things in life I have yet to learn. When a sinner dies hope perishes. I will live in hope. Luke 22:26. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger ~. I will always be a student of the word, sitting at the feet of Jesus.