

Be Ready

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REMOVING OBSTACLES



When God calls you to do a job, and you answer that call, he will remove any obstacles that hinder you from doing that job.

Let's say God calls you to write a monthly article about end-time prophecy, and you are excited to begin the new ministry.

For a couple years, you are pretty consistent with your writing, studying prophetic events, reading other people's ideas on end-times prophecy, learning how to listen to what God wants you to know, and discovering through trial-and-error how to actually put your thoughts on paper.

Then you evolve into other activities that seem important at the time, but that gradually pull you away from the ministry that he called you into.

You get involved in a critical ministry team at your church. You are very qualified to do the ministry and flourish in the work. You are making a difference.

You get involved in a retirement business to supplement Social Security. The business doubles in size quickly until it consumes way too much of your time.

You get involved in the Christian ministry of a dear friend, providing immeasurable assistance to the ministry that nobody else would have been able or willing to do.

You get involved in the political campaign of a dear friend, who was called by God to bring Christian principles to the government office he was seeking.

You get involved with the political staff of that dear friend when he wins the election.

You are extremely busy with these very important endeavors, helping make a difference in some very critical areas.

But, you gradually realize you have neglected your first love. You have let your own ministry falter. God called you to *your* ministry. He wanted *that* ministry done. You agreed to do it. You did it for several years, then you *didn't have time* to do it anymore!

These other nice things you were doing were *obstacles* to the ministry God called you to do.

Then one cold, rainy, night, while traveling, you have a very serious vehicle accident. You survive the accident, but you get a very clear message from God that he wants you to back out of those other "obstacles", and to revive the ministry that he called you to originally.

Fortunately, you listen to God and begin a multi-year process of simplifying your life, and quickly get back into the end-times prophecy ministry.

And, because you took the first step of cutting back on the "obstacles" that hindered you from your ministry, God made the obstacle-shedding process go rather smoothly.

What would have happened if you did not heed God's attention-getting reminder to cut back on less-important things, and get back to his more-important things?

The smart thing to do is to remove the obstacles yourself, before God steps in to take care of the task for you.

Of course, the most important obstacle that must be removed is anything that keeps you from making the ultimate commitment to His ministry in the first place. Anything that is keeping you from answering God's call to ministry must be dealt with honestly. Remember how Jonah tried to run away when God called him to warn the people of Nineveh about pending judgement? He spent 3 days in the belly of a great fish.

God is calling the people of our day to repentance, in this prophetic pre-dusk age. He is calling some of you to confront your world about the

coming nighttime, followed by judgement. Do not let the obstacles of this world keep you from answering his call.

Too often in our lives, we are focused on what we think is important, even though they may be great things. But when God calls on you to do something that he wants you *specifically* to do, you better do it!

The prophetic time-table is coming to a close. I really believe we are in the final days before the Rapture. What could be more important than telling the world about what "*will shortly take place*"?

Obstacles to doing God's ministry will be addressed one way or the other.

