

# Shifting During a Season of Change



**Ecclesiastes 3:1-14**

- I. **God is Shifting Us.** The word “shift” means to change the place, position, or direction; to move from one assignment to another; to exchange or replace by another. God is calling us to a higher calling of usefulness.
- (Romans 1:17), “The just shall live by faith.”
  - (2 Corinthians 5:7), “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
  - (Hebrews 11:6), “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for He who comes to God must first believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
  - Everything that God created to exist and function will go through something called time and seasons (Change) in their lives.
  - Time is one of the world’s greatest resource and one of the most misused.
  - God has graciously given us time and seasons – but as His stewards, His representatives, His agents in the earth, we must be faithful, obedient stewards over the very works of God’s hand both wisely and carefully in order to make the most of every season.
  - Most of the time when we talk about “various seasons” we tend to focus more on the natural affect such (seasonal weather, 4 seasons of the year, age, or different stages of our lives).
  - We must be spiritually attentive to the Holy Spirit during these various seasons of our lives because of the affect it can have on (our spiritual health, our spiritual growth, our effectiveness, and fruitfulness).
  - The Purpose – (1.) To remind us of the greatness of our God. (2.) To encourage us that every season can be successful. (3.) To challenge us to maximize every opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and each other.
  - The Goal – is for us to embrace God’s unique purpose for every season of our lives.
  - Objective – (1.) God’s “Involvement” in creation (2.) God’s “Insight” into creation (3.) God’s “Influence” upon creation.
  - Spiritual Principles: Faith, Authority, Obedience, Stewardship, Agreement, Grace, Sow and Reaping, Unconditional Love, Organization
  - When we understand “God’s “Involvement” in creation” – we gain a greater “Appreciation” for God.

- When we understand “God’s “Insight” into creation” – we gain a greater “Awareness” into the mind of God. (God is Omniscient – All Wise and All- Knowing God)
- When we understand “God’s “Influence” upon creation” – we gain a greater “Aspiration” for the Greatness of God. (John 15:5, Acts 17:28, Phil. 4:13)
- Statements About Times and Seasons of your Life. The truth of the matter is no matter how saved you are, all of us will experience different seasons in our lives.
  - God created time and seasons for both our spiritual and physical benefit.
  - But what I want you to understand today that no matter the season or no matter how you are feeling and what you are going through – this is your season to see God like you never seen Him before! (1 Corinthians 2:9-16)
  - Resistance is necessary for growth, “I believe that the season that you are in is a season of growth and productivity!”
  - Nothing happens in your life that God has not already predetermined for His glory!
  - God doesn’t want us to just merely “Survive” – but “Thrive” in every season that He’s ordained for our lives.
  - Everything that God does is always based upon His original intent and purpose.
  - God wants us to embrace where we are and prepare us for where we’re going.
  - Don’t allow another season to go by without you experiencing all that God has in store your life and for that season.
  - Don’t allow yourself to get so caught up in the grind or the hustle and bustle of life – that we don’t take a moment to refresh and reflect upon what God is doing in your personal life, social life, family life, and church life.

- **We were created totally and equally in God's image and likeness – but we are uniquely different (Thank God) – and we both view and experience seasons differently. Some with a positive attitude – some with a negative attitude.**
- **Never determine the success or failure of your season upon your feelings and emotions – Base everything upon God and His promises in His Word.**
- **Each season is uniquely different – all filled with excitement, challenges, and opportunities – God has designed every season both (spiritual and physical) to contribute something meaningful to our very existence.**
- **King Solomon in all his wisdom recognized that the God we serve created seasons within something called time in order that everything that He has ordained in the earth will fulfill His purposes. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)**