

The Truth about Timing

Life Skills – Part 3

“If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.”

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

“There is a right time AND a right way for everything...” Ecclesiastes 8:6 (NCV)

I should move fast when...

1) ...when God tells me to do something.

“Jesus said to them, “Come follow me ...So Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed him.”

Mark 1:17-18 (NCV)

“I hurried and did not wait to obey your commands.” Psalm 119:60 (NCV)

2) ...when I need to ask or offer forgiveness.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you...First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

3) ...when I feel tempted.

“Run from temptations...” 2 Timothy 2:22 (CEV)

I need to go slow...

1) ...when I don't have all the facts.

“Enthusiasm without knowledge is not good. If you act too quickly, you might make a mistake.” Proverbs 19:2 (NCV)

2) ...when I'm hurt or angry.

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19 (NIV)

Proverbs 14:29; 15:28; 15:18

3) ...when I'm making a major decision.

“Wicked people bluff their way, but God's people think before they take a step.” Proverbs 21:29 (CEV)

“Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.” Proverbs 4:26 (ESV)

“May he keep us centered and devoted to him, following the life path he has cleared ...walking at the pace and rhythms he laid down...” 1 Kings 8:58 (Msg.)