



We all want good things to happen in our lives, but too often we want **it now**...not later. When it doesn't happen that way, we are tempted to ask, "**When, God, when?**"

Instead of focusing on the **when** question, we need to place our **trust** in God. If we aren't living in **peace** and **joy**, maybe we need to check out our **trust** level.

The tendency to want to know about everything that's going on can be an **obstacle** in our **faith journey**. At times, knowing everything can be **uncomfortable** and can even **hurt** us. Sometimes we need to **leave things alone** and quit feeling that we **need** to know everything and learn to **trust** God and accept that some questions may **never** be answered.

**If we knew of some future trial or disaster in advance, would we not suffer more because it would be on our mind all the time?**

**God** wants us to live by **discernment**. It's difficult to discern if we're always trying to figure everything out. But, when we're **willing** to say, "**God, I can't figure this out, so I'm going to trust You.**" then we can find peace in spite of **not** knowing.

We often say God is **never late**, but generally He **isn't early** either. **Why?** Because He uses times of **waiting** to **stretch our faith** in Him and to bring about change and growth in our lives.

We spend a lot of time in our lives **waiting** because **change** is a process. Many times, we want change, but we **don't** want to go through the waiting process. But the truth is, **waiting is a given**—we **are** going to wait. The question is, are we going to wait the **wrong** or **right** way? If we wait the **wrong** way, we'll be **miserable**; but if we decide to wait, **trusting God's way**, we can become **patient** and even be at peace. It takes **practice**, but as we let God help us in each situation, we develop patience.

We learn to trust God by going through many experiences that require trust. But, when we see God's **faithfulness** over and over, we **let go** of trusting ourselves, and gradually we place our trust in Him. **Timing** plays an important part in learning to **trust God**. If He did everything we asked for **immediately**, we would never grow and develop. **Timing and trust work side by side.**

God gives us **hopes** and **dreams** for certain things to happen in our lives, but He **doesn't** always allow us to see the exact timing of His plan. Although frustrating, not knowing the exact timing is often a blessing. There are times when we might **give up** if we knew how long it was going to take, but when we **accept** God's timing, we can learn to live in **hope** and **enjoy** our lives while **God is working on our problems**. We know that God's plan for our lives is **good** and, **when** we entrust ourselves to Him, we can experience total **peace and happiness**.