

## “Seasonal Work”

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Many of us know the scripture 2 Timothy 4:2 "*Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.*"

The website thefreedictionary.com defines a season as: 1. a. *One of the four natural divisions of the year, spring, summer, fall, and winter, in the North and South Temperate zones.* . . .

b. *The two divisions of the year, rainy and dry, in some tropical regions.*

2. *A recurrent period characterized by certain occurrences, occupations, festivities, or crops: the holiday season; tomato season.*

3. *A suitable, natural, or convenient time: a season for merriment.*

4. *A period of time: gone for a season. (emphasis added)*

Seasons are clearly times that God set aside for specific things to happen, but our scripture in 2 Timothy 4 makes it clear that his purposes and plans are above these set seasons. This being the case, we need to be ready to obey what he has



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called us to despite the convenience or whether or not it seems to us to be the ‘appropriate’ time.

“How,” you may ask, “do we stay ready in and out of season?” By:

- 1.) Obeying the scripture 1 Thess. 5:13, “*Pray without ceasing*”.
- 2.) Follow the Psalmist’s example shown in Psalm 119, the whole chapter describes someone who values and consistently spends time in God’s word.
- 3.) Remember that the Lord said: “*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness...*” (2 Cor. 12:9) Submit your strengths and weaknesses to him.
- 4.) Lastly remember: “I will save you . . . because you trust in me, declares the LORD.”

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## “Eyes Of Understanding” (Teaching Sketch)

Ephesians 1:18-23 (KJV & NIV)

Have you ever passed by something in your home and looked at it in surprise? Oh, you knew it was there but you just hadn’t paid that much attention to it. Whatever it is may have great value to you but you realized it just had not been utilized to the extent it could have been to your own benefit. This sudden awareness has certainly happened to me and many people with whom I am familiar. We find that in a moment we realize we hadn’t fully benefited from something we had, either by lack of understanding it or just not attending to it.

Maybe you have found yourself, just as I, experiencing this very same thing where scripture is concerned. Oh yes, we knew the scriptures, had memorized many of them but had only viewed them from one understood perspective excluding aspects which we, or our tradition, had not understood in their fullness.

**Eyes Of Understanding**  
The first verse in our scripture



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Ephesians 1:18 says, “*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*”

This may seem strange to refer to “the eyes of understanding” but once a person has become a Believer in Jesus the Christ it is clear that such eyes exist and are important in the understanding of spiritual matters.

### Hope Of His Calling

The word hope here in the original means, *pleasurable anticipation, expectation, confidence, faith, hope.*<sup>[1]</sup> The question then is what was his (Christ’s) calling? Much of my life as a Believer my understanding of the words in this chapter and elsewhere meant I would be in Heaven

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## Scripture:

### Ephesians 1:18-23 (KJV & NIV)

<sup>18</sup>The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, <sup>20</sup>Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: <sup>22</sup>And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

NIV

<sup>18</sup>I pray also that the eyes of your heart<sup>[a]</sup> may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup>which he exerted in Christ when he raised him

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from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

A person with an experience is never at the mercy of a person with an argument.

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fruit and har-  
vest unto the  
Lord their  
God.



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with Christ one day.

### Inheritance In The Saints

Then one day understanding came to me from Ephesians that I and all Believers are already seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father. He put all things under our feet!

### Personalize Scripture

I pray [*in Jesus name*] that the eyes of **my** understanding may be enlightened in order that **I** may know the hope to which he has called **me**, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for **me** who believes. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church [**me**], which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

