

Doors and Enemies – Part II

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything

We live with the tension between two spiritual worlds: the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. Each kingdom needs people to achieve their perspective goals.

- **Matthew 13:24-27**
- **Malachi 3:10**

Why will God pour out a blessing to those who tithe? God always responds to obedience. God blesses so we will be a blessing.

- **Matthew 16:13-33**

Peter has a revelation, and Jesus proclaims a blessing on him. Peter then becomes a stumbling block, and tries to stop Jesus from His assignment.

IDENTIFY YOUR ENEMY

Matthew 5:44-45a But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.

Speak to the spirit behind the person. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood. We always have a choice to be a vessel that God can pour into, or a stumbling block for God's plan.

CHRONOS OR KAIROS

In the beginning, God created time. Time has a beginning and an end, but God is eternal. God is the Alpha and Omega, the author and finisher. All time fits into the eternal God.

Chronos is sequential time, minute by minute. We live in Chronos time; God lives beyond time. Kairos is an appointed time for God's

purposes, a strategic time when God sends something planned in eternity to invade our Chronos, or sequential time. Kairos are moments that must be seized, when heaven's time invades earth for a greater purpose.

You can have many Kairos times within your Chronos time. God does not guide our lives by Chronos. He guides us by Kairos

- **Galatians 4:4**
- **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

God has numbered our days.

- **Psalms 139:16b**
- **Job 14:5**
- **Matthew 6:27**

Our Steps are ordered.

- **Psalms 37:23**

Man is appointed once to die.

- **Hebrews 9:27**

REVELATION BY HIS SPIRIT

Ecclesiastes 3:11b He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

When we accepted Jesus as our redeemer, the eternal Holy Spirit came to live in us.

- **1 Corinthians 2:9-14**

We know the past, live in the present, but do not know the future. That is why it is imperative for us to establish our relationship to His Spirit, to be able to listen to His still small voice.

God has already set up our victories before we get to the battle.

John 7:37-38 "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."