

SERMON NOTES

REJOICE, REFLECT AND REST IN HIS PRESENCE

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1. Rejoice in the Lord Always - Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

• In the Bad Times

- **Habakkuk 3:17-19** - Even when everything seems to fail, rejoice in the Lord.
- **Exodus 10:22-23** - Light in Goshen. Even in darkness, God's people dwell in His light.
- **Psalms 27:5** - The Lord is our refuge and hiding place in times of trouble.

• In the Good Times

- **Deuteronomy 8:10-11, 17** - Remember to bless the Lord for His goodness.

2. Retain Your Reputation - Matthew 5:13-16

- We are the salt and light of the world. Our lives should draw others to glorify God.
- **Ephesians 4:25, 29** - Speak the truth in love. Let your words build up, not tear down.

3. Reverse Procrastination - we don't have time to waste!

- **John 4:35** - The fields are ripe for harvest—don't delay in doing what God has called you to do.
- **Matthew 24:42-44** - Be watchful and ready for the Lord's return; time is short.
- **Matthew 25** - procrastination leads to missed opportunities and spiritual unpreparedness.

4. Reject Anxiety

• It Is Not Your Job to Worry

- **Matthew 6:31-34** - Do not worry about daily needs—God provides. Seek ye first His kingdom.

• But It Is Your Job to Prepare

- **Proverbs 31:21, 25** - Be wise, diligent, and ready. Clothe yourself with strength and dignity.

5. Pray About Everything

- **Psalms 55:16-18** - Call upon the Lord continually—morning, noon, and night.
- **Psalms 55:22** - Cast your cares on the Lord; He will sustain you and keep you unshaken.

6. Be Grateful to God

- **Psalms 100** - Enter His presence with thanksgiving and praise. Serve Him with gladness.

7. Request What You Need from God

- **Matthew 7:7-11** - Ask, seek, and knock—your heavenly Father delights in giving good gifts to His children.

8. Rest in Him

- **Psalms 18:1-2** - The Lord is your strength, your fortress, and your deliverer.
- **Isaiah 32:17-18** - The fruit of righteousness is peace—quietness, confidence, and rest in the secure dwelling of His presence.