

## **Personal Reflection**

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Right now, it is likely that there are things you need to get done & there are other things that you'd rather do instead. It is also likely that at times you feel very conflicted about which things to do & in what order you should do them. The struggle between being productive now or deferring it to later is an ever-present part of life in a busy world.

This struggle is made even more complicated by the reality of sin —willful, self-destructive opposition to God's Word & will. Sin is what opposes our desire to do what we know is right & delays the immediacy of our obedience to the Lord.

Delay can be deadly. Delayed obedience assumes that there will be another day to respond to the Holy Spirit's leading. This kind of assuming denies the urgency & immediacy of dangerous circumstances that rightfully warrant action. When it comes to wrongdoing & resisting God—the time to quit is now. There is no time like the present & there is no promised time but today.

On your demanding list of things to do, how high does quitting destructive ideas, activities & relationships rate? Are you guilty of assuming that you can quit tomorrow? Isn't it time to quit the things that are holding you back, tearing you down & consuming the irreplaceable gift of time?

Prayerfully consider the weight & opportunity of this present moment. Thank God for giving you the precious & priceless gift of time—time to live, learn, love & grow. Acknowledge before God your need to quit the things that hold you back from Him. Commit to obediently follow as He daily leads you out of sin & into victory in Christ.