

RUSH HOUR **TIME & TIDE WAITS FOR NO MAN?**

Hurry and get it done! The early bird catches the worm. Why do you take so long to do it? Kill two birds with one stone. Strike while the iron is hot. Oh come on, really why wait, just do it! Don't think too much as time is of the essence. Do these remarks and comments sound familiar to you?

I was driving along MCE three weeks ago when I saw police cars and part of the road cordoned off to handle an accident that had happened early in the morning. It was just before 7 a.m. and in no time, my heart sank as I saw a lifeless arm falling out of the tent. I knew immediately that there was a casualty involved. It was sadness at first sight with car loads of thoughts driving through my mind, wondering how this could have happened if everyone drove safely. I thought to myself, how naive I was. Who would have wanted such things to happen in the first place?

This episode did have an impact on me, teaching and reminding me not to rush at the expense of losing focus on what is more important in life than life itself; i.e., the life that God has given to us. Yes, we need to be prudent and prepare ourselves for raining days. There is nothing wrong in doing things quickly or going through the motion of speeding things up on what we want to do or need to do every day. We should not forget what is important in life. We may regret it when we hit a bump before we slowed down or pulled the brakes. Then, it would be too late. ☹

It took a long time for me to decide if I should drive again after two decades. I am still quite young really! Two accidents previously had marred my confidence to drive though there were no physical injuries then. It did affect me psychologically. This is not the important point here. I did understand that there is a time for everything as I prayed and will continue to pray for wisdom and strength in what to do daily.

The sight of the accident brought me back to the basics of knowing Jesus Christ; i.e., what is important in our lives as a Christian and why did we become one in the first place?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe

stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." John 3:16-17

Yes, remembering why God first loved us puts us in our place that we are nothing without Him. His love for us made the difference in our lives. All of us would have our personal stories and experiences to tell in our walk with Him. Continue to pray and study his Word. Continue to know Jesus better.

John and Martin have ways of sharing articles, quotes and messages through our WhatsApp group and email. Sometimes, there will be no responses because it takes effort to read them and yes, the messages can be quite lengthy sometimes. Nevertheless, they are encouraging even if there are some punt and intent in it. 😊

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts"

Mother Teresa

I leave this 10 beautiful lines shared by John with all of you. Enjoy reading it and remember what is important around us even if the time and tide waits for no man. There is no rush in reading this below. Please take your time.

Beautiful 10 lines

- 1) *PRAYER is not a "spare wheel" that YOU PULL OUT when IN trouble, but it is a "STEERING WHEEL" that DIRECT the RIGHT PATH THROUGHOUT LIFE.*
- 2) *Why are a CAR'S WINDSHIELD so LARGE & the REAR VIEW MIRROR so small? This is BECAUSE our PAST is NOT as IMPORTANT as OUR FUTURE. So, LOOK AHEAD and MOVE ON.*
- 3) *FRIENDSHIP is like a BOOK. It takes a FEW SECONDS to BURN, but it TAKES YEARS to WRITE.*
- 4) *ALL THINGS in LIFE are TEMPORARY. If they are GOING WELL, ENJOY them, they WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. If they are going wrong, don't WORRY, THEY CAN'T LAST LONG EITHER.*

- 5) *Old FRIENDS are GOLD! NEW friends are DIAMONDS! If you GET a DIAMOND, DON'T FORGET the GOLD! To HOLD a DIAMOND, you ALWAYS NEED a BASE of GOLD!*
- 6) *Often when WE LOSE HOPE and THINK this is the END, GOD SMILES from ABOVE and SAYS, "RELAX, SWEETHEART; it's JUST a BEND, NOT THE END!"*
- 7) *When GOD SOLVES your PROBLEMS, you HAVE FAITH in HIS ABILITIES; when GOD DOESN'T SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS, HE has FAITH in YOUR ABILITIES.*
- 8) *A BLIND PERSON asked GOD: "CAN THERE be ANYTHING WORSE THAN LOSING EYE SIGHT?" HE REPLIED: "YES, LOSING YOUR VISION!"*
- 9) *When YOU PRAY for OTHERS, GOD LISTENS to YOU and BLESSES THEM, and SOMETIMES, when you are SAFE and HAPPY, REMEMBER that SOMEONE has PRAYED for YOU.*
- 10) *WORRYING does NOT TAKE AWAY TOMORROW'S TROUBLES; IT TAKES AWAY today's PEACE.*



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