

Life by Design
I Said to you Live!
Messing Up the Count

Confession – You can count on me to mess up the count. I am doing a new thing!

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Kingdom Points: *Messing Up the Count*

1. *I can see it!*
2. *That new thing is messing up the count!*
3. *DIY Instruction*

Key Verse: Nehemiah 4:15 (KJV) ¹⁵And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

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Amos 9:13 “The days are coming,” says the LORD, “when grain will grow faster than it can be harvested, and grapes will grow faster than the wine can be made. The mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with it.

- **The abundance was so great, they could barely get the last in before it was time to plant again.**
 - **“Blessings on the heels of blessings!**
 - **2 Chronicles 20:25** And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they **were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.**

New Thing Happening

Exodus 1 ¹⁹The ·nurses [midwives] said to ·him [·Pharaoh], “The Hebrew women are ·much stronger than [·not like] the Egyptian women. They are ·strong [vigorous; hardy]. **They give birth to their babies before we can get there.**” ²⁰God ·was good [showed favor] to the ·nurses [midwives]. And the Hebrew people continued to grow in number, so they became even stronger. ²¹Because the ·nurses [midwives]feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Isaiah 66:8·No one has ever [·Who has...?] heard of that happening; ·no one has ever [·Who has...?] seen that happen. ·In the same way no one ever saw [·Can...?] a country ·begin [be born] in one day; ·no one has ever heard of a new nation beginning [·can a nation be brought forth...?] in one moment. But ·Jerusalem [·Zion; ·the location of the Temple] will give birth to her children just as soon as she feels the birth pains [·the rebirth of the nation will be sudden and unexpected]

Why He is speeding up the growth process; New Thing

Luke 8 ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

- ¹²Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. **(Immediate Distraction)**
- ¹³They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. **(Delayed Distraction)**
- ¹⁴And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. **(Deceitful Distraction)**

What was not counted on? You messed up the count!

- **Nehemiah 4 (KJV) 4** But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

That new thing is messing up the count: You are going to mess up the count!

Matthew 2:12 King James Version (KJV)

¹² And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

1 Corinthians 2:7-9 (KJV) ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the **hidden wisdom**, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: ⁸ Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

James 1:2-4 (KJV) ² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing

James 1:5 If any of you **lack wisdom**, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him

- Let's get our hidden wisdom!
- Shift your Prayer Life! The enemy was not counting on you doing that!

DIY Instruction: How!

Nehemiah 4: ² And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

What do these feeble Jews?

- What can I do / should do while I am feeble? What is my WORD of instruction?

- Heb 12:12 So then, brace up *and* reinvigorate *and* set right your slackened *and* weakened *and* drooping hands and strengthen your feeble *and* palsied *and* tottering knees,
- Knees impact my ability to STAND; My Standing is the forerunner to seeing God Salvation.

• How?

- **1 Kings 19:7** And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. ⁸ And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.
- You got feeble by missing meals, Stop missing meals! Deuteronomy 25:17-18 17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; 18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.
- Mess up the count and get consistent with the Word.

Will they Fortify themselves?

How do I fortify myself? Get my Wall UP and Hang My Gates!

- Walls set Boundaries and Gates control access
 - WALLS: Know your property lines: Take ownership!
 - Mess up the count and divorce yourself from blaming
 - I don't put on others what I am assigned to do. Man at the pool: **John 5:7** The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me
 - Wall Boundaries: I work my faith action!
 - Walls Boundaries keep trash from blowing in my yard!
 - GATES: Access Control: Not enough to hang the Gate, but you must set access control on your gates!
 - "You heard it growing up, CLOSE THAT DOOR! (refrigerator) "

- Mess up the count and change the access code.
- Every Knock on your Gate does not me Open the Door.
- Don't let your Trojan Horse in.
- Ear Gate, Eye Gate, Nose Gate, Touch Gate, Taste,
- Breaking a Soul Tie? Stop Look No More. Remember you code has changed. You no longer have the responsibility of there wellbeing.
- Boundaries of responsibility will fortify you!

Will they Sacrifice?

- **Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present** your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Will they make an end in a day? FINISH

How: Pull down thoughts of Interruption and quitting.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

- See it through!
- Better is the ending of a thing

Ecclesiastes 7:8Expanded Bible (EXB)

^aIt is better to finish [end] something than to start [begin] it.

It is better to be patient than to be proud.

- The IT IS WELL WOMAN, handled her interruptions, by not taking any!

- Get back to the VISION and FINISH running it out!

Can they bring stones back to life from piles of trash and ashes [revive stones from piles of rubble—burnt stones at that]?

- **John 11:39** Jesus said, "Move the stone away." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "But, Lord, it has been four days since he died [see 11:17]. There will be a bad smell [stench]."
- **Confront to Change**
- **In the Trash is my Treasure!!! Ashes are exchanged for Beauty!**