STONES THAT HINDER AND STONES THAT REBUILD THE SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

Ecc 3:1 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
Ecc 3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;
Ecc 3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
Ecc 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
Ecc 3:5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones

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HIINDERING STONE #1

(A Busy Schedule)

1. A Busy Schedule:

Luk 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:
Luk 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.
Luk 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.
Luk 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.
Luk 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.
Luk 14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the

streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.
Luk 14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.
Luk 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.
Luk 14:24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

a. <u>It is the devil can get us too busy to pray</u>, too busy to witness, too busy to be faithful to church, too busy to teach home bible studies, he can defeat revival.

b. <u>The Parable of the Soils</u>

Mat 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

a. If you notice it was the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he unfruitful. Not necessarily backslide, but loses his fervor for revival.

Luk 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
Luk 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

<u>HINDERING STONE #2</u>

(Becoming Weary in the Harvest Time)

2. **<u>Becoming Weary in the Harvest Time</u>**:

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

a. A Farmer at harvest must glean the field

b. No matter how hard he worked in the past, he must work just as hard to gather in the harvest.

c. God does not want us to become negligent in harvest.

2Th 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Isa 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things,* that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.
Isa 40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:
Isa 40:31 **But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

HINDERING STONE #3

(Not realizing the Value of One Soul)

3. **Not Realizing the Value of One Soul**:

Mat 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.
Mat 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
Mat 10:31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

a. It was the one lost sheep, the one lost coin, the one thief on the cross, the one prodigal son, the one woman at the well, the one woman caught in the very act of adultery, the one blind man, the one man at

the gate beautiful, the one Ethiopian Eunuch, the one with the issue of blood, and the list goes on.

HINDERING STONE #4

(The Danger of Saying that there is Enough Time)

4. The Danger of Saying that there is enough time :

Joh 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
Joh 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

Mat 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
Mat 24:49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
Mat 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him,* and in an hour that he is not aware of,
Mat 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

HINDERING STONE #5

(Realizing the Value of what we have)

5. **Not Realizing the Value of What God had done for us**:

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Isa 51:1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.

Psa 40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.
Psa 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
Psa 40:4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

a. Do we really value what God has done for us, and he laid down his life for us? And how His precious blood was spilt for your sins an mine.

THE STONE'S OF REVIVAL

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Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

a. The Stone of prayer, the stone of commitment, the stone of envolvment , the stone of fasting, the stone of Home Bible Studies, the stone of Witnessing, the stone of unity, the stone of vision (seeing this world through the eyes of Jesus.