



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Season of Sharpening

Getting Your Edge Back On

*Since a dull ax requires great strength, sharpen the blade.
That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed.*

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NLT)

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You have **GIFT, GRACE, & ABILITY**

1 Peter 4:10-11

*As each one has received a **gift**, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold **grace** of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him **do it as with the ability** which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen*

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NKJV)

*“If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, **then he must use more strength**; but wisdom produces success.*

(NLT) *“Since a dull ax requires great strength, **sharpen the blade**. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed*

Why do I feel tired?

Remember Your

GIFT, GRACE, & ABILITY

What Makes Us feel Tired:

Mind and focus on the wrong things

Luke 9:52

But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the saw.”

~ Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

SEASON OF SHARPENING

A honing tool will re-align the edge

KEY WORDS

Ax (Saw) – The instrument of service; our lifestyle

Edge – The cutting edge; the action edge; What we actually do; our gifts and unique contribution to God's purpose

Wisdom - Ability to make proper choices and reach proper conclusions and decisions; Shrewdly aware and subtly resourceful; Using the proper means and procedures in attaining an end; Knowing how to restore and maintain your edge.

Sharpen: Raising the level of your skill and effectiveness through
RENEWAL

Tools That Sharpen

- **Doers of the Word:** Eccl. 10:18, *Laziness leads to a sagging roof*
- **Prayer & Worship:** Individual, corporate, John 4:23
- **Fellowship:** (“Iron sharpens iron”) Hebrews 1 John 2:10, *Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.*
- **Personal Preparation:** 2 Tim. 2:15, *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Tools That Sharpen

- **Accountability:** Hebrews 13:7, *Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 17) Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.*
- **Faith:** 2 Cor. 5:7, Prov. 11:4, *He who observes the wind shall not sow..."*
- **Teaching & Training:** Sermons, Bible Study - Acts 2:42, *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

2 Timothy 4:2

*Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.***

2 Timothy 2:3-5

*You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life**, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.*

Avoid Getting Entangled

2 Peter 2:20

*For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled in them and overcome**, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.*

**When Sharp, You Can
Do All Things Through Christ!**

Philippians 4:12

*I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***

Sharpen the Saw

Self-Assessment

WHERE I AM

WHAT I NEED

Prayer	
Bible Reading	
Bible Study	
Service in Church and Kingdom of God	
Witness to Others	
Solitude / Meditation	

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WHERE I AM

WHAT I NEED

Worship Time

Fellowship

Preparation

Accountability

Faith Walk

Taught / Trained