

## **It's Time to get Sharpened**

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT) - As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

***Giving Honor to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to the Proverbs 27:17, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic today is "It's Time to Get Sharpened."***

The biblical definition of "sharp" can mean physically keen-edged, like a sword or knife, but more often refers to **mental acuity, deep insight, or directness in speech**. It can describe the **effectiveness of the Word of God, and the collective edification of believers and the utilization of words and actions**. The term often signifies a powerful, decisive, or penetrating quality, such as the sharpness of scripture that divides spirit and soul, or the sharpening of wisdom through fellowship. I'm simply saying, "It's Time to get Sharpened."

### **Start Your Day the Right Way**

Have you commanded the morning? This determines how you will start your day, go through the day, and claim your blessings, peace, and power. God says command your morning. The phrase "command your morning" is oftentimes associated with Job 38:12-13, which asks, "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?". This verse used to encourage believers to start their day by claiming authority over their time, in the same way that God commands the dawn. God gave you authority to frame your day. When you understand that, you can speak direction in your own life. You are ready for purpose, alignment of your spirit, and dominion. Can you declare that "This is the day that the Lord has made and we shall rejoice and be glad in it?" It's Time to get Sharpened!!!

### **Sharpening Process**

I want to encourage you to embrace the sharpening process. Hebrews 4:12 states, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart". The verse describes the power and penetrating nature of God's word. The Word of God is a Living Word. It will pick you up when you're down. God's word "shall not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it". (Isaiah 55:11) God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". (Psalm 119:105) If you just abide in His word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you

free". (John 8:32) The word is compared to fire and a hammer that "shatters a rock". (Jeremiah 23:29) The Word is received "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which is effectively working in you who believe". (1 Thessalonians 2:13) The Lord Jesus Christ upholds "all things by the word of His power." (Hebrews 1:3) It's Time to get Sharpened!!!

### **Don't be Surprised**

My brothers and sisters, make up your mind that you will be proactive versus reactive so there are no surprises. 1 Peter 4:12-13 says "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." Trials will come, but trouble don't last always. You are destined for success, so enter His courts with Thanksgiving in your hearts. It's Time to get Sharpened!!!

### **Develop Relationships (Friends)**

It's time to develop relationships. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25) Yes, make some friends. Make some friends that pray, encourage, help, and sharpen you. Surround yourself with faithful believers. Psalms 1:1-3, says "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. It's Time to get Sharpened!!! It's a blessing to fellowship. This builds you up and builds up the body of Christ. Positive relationships sharpen you and the congregation of believers.

In closing, a pencil, when it is sharpened, must lose a part of itself so that it becomes sharper than it was before. Yes, it becomes a better instrument for the purpose that it was created. Beloved, as you invite Jesus Christ into your heart, you will become sharper and better for the purpose for which you were created. It's Time to get Sharpened!!! Romans 10:9-11 says, "that if you confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God hath raised Him (Jesus Christ) from the dead, you shall be saved." The song writer said "I just wanna be right." It's Time to get Sharpened!!! Blessings, in Jesus Name. Amen.