

## The Gift Worth Waiting For Part 1

*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*      *2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)*

*God does everything just right and on time but people can never completely understand what He is doing.*      *Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NCV)*

- **Waiting reveals the level of our maturity and the depth of our devotion!**

*Luke 2:25 (NKJV) And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.*

### Two Characteristics:

- **Devotion – His heart commitment towards God.**
- **Just – In the way he lived towards others.**

### One Reality:

- **The Holy Spirit was upon his life.**

### To Be Great Waiters We Need To:

- I. **Check our devotion towards God and our heart attitude towards others.**

*For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.*      *Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)*

*Friends, don't complain about each other. A far greater complaint could be lodged against you, you know. The Judge is standing just around the corner. Take the old prophets as your mentors. **They put up with anything, went through everything, and never once quit, all the time honoring God.** What a gift life is to those who stay the course! You've heard, of course, of Job's staying power, and you know how God brought it all together for him at the end. That's because God cares, cares right down to the last detail.*      *James 5:9-11 (MSG)*

## II. Hold onto to what the Holy Spirit has revealed to you.

*And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."*      *Luke 2:26-32 (NKJV)*

### Questions For Reflection:

- **What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you?**
- **When was the last time that you found yourself in a place that the Holy Spirit purposely led you to?**
- **Why do you think you lack the Holy Spirit's guidance?**

*Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.*      *Hebrews 6:11-12 (NLT)*

- **A lack of love toward others creates spiritual dullness and indifference.**

*Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.*      *Romans 15:4 (NLT)*

*Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. **You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.** For look—the Judge is standing at the door!*      *James 5:7-9 (NLT)*