

EFFECTIVE CLOSURE

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Ecclesiastes 3:1

Effective closure of one chapter of your life is important to move on to the next. If not, we drag the pains of the past into the future. We fight the past battles instead of the future ones, and we tend to get stuck in the past chapter. This applies to broken relationships, injustice in the workplace, mistakes of the past.

Effective closure means ...

- **Having done the best** you could in that situation for the glory of God. People may not appreciate you. And if you served for God's glory, He is the audience of One. You want to please Him. Then there are no regrets.
- **Repentance of the mistakes** you have made recognizing the mistakes, learning from them, and making healthy decisions for the future. If we do not face our own flaws in the matter, we will not grow. We will continually seek to justify ourselves as not needing to admit our wrong.
- **Learning and growing** from the situation. Are you a better person or have you been sliced apart and devastated? You may have been unjustly treated. Life is unfair. But see it from God's perspective. What can you learn? How can you be more effective as you face the future? Trust the LORD Jesus to put it all together for you.
- **Forgiving others.** That does not mean overlooking sin or ignoring it. It means you commit the person to God's judgment. God is just. You take responsibility for your own life, to move ahead. It means you will not let the bitterness and hurt continue to affect you. You must believe the LORD has great things ahead for you!
- **You didn't burn the bridges behind you with negativity** and throwing all your resentment against that situation. It means you know you can face tomorrow because He lives. It means you can move to the future with the joy of the Lord in your heart.

Some say, well begun is half done. I say, effective closure leads to great beginnings! So, let all of us close effectively to the LORD's glory. AMEN!

Making It Personal:

1. **Insight** – What is ONE new insight the Holy Spirit has given me?
2. **Conviction** – Something pierced my heart or convicted me? Take action now!
3. **Share** – Received something I want to share with someone else?