Take Action

Ken Chapman · Daniel 11:32

INTRODUCTION

- You can't help but recognize that a new year brings a new year. And with it, new challenges and new opportunities.
- The theme from Daniel chapter 11 in verse 32 simply says, the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.
- There's three parts of that phrase that we may focus on throughout the year.

1 God's Faithful People Have Always Been People of Action

John 5:17

- God's faithful people have always been people of action.
- That shouldn't surprise us because our God is a God of action.
- Jesus answered them, My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.
- They're people just like us who saw God acting in their lives and said, We will follow.

2 Hebrews 11: An Active Faith

Hebrews 11:3–8

- What they had in common was faith, but they had in common an active faith.
- There is a verb that follows every one of their names. A verb that speaks of action.
- If I want to be a person of faith, then there better be a spiritual verb in my life of something that I have done.

3 Hebrews 12: Let Us Be People of Action

Hebrews 12:1–2

- It is time for us to stand firm and take action.
- Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance, the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith.
- Let us, as they were, and as our God is, let us be people of action.

4 Faith Without Works Is Dead

James 2:14; James 2:26

- Am I really serious about this thing called Christianity? Is it real to me?
- What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
- It's dead because it's not doing anything through us, but it's dead because it's not doing anything for us.
- That faith will get you nowhere.

5 Action Accomplishes at Least Three Things

Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 8

- Action in our faith, action in our Christianity, accomplishes at least three things.
- Let your light be seen, men may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- It will cause others to be moved to action.
- Active faith is also witnessed by God.
- Active faith changes who we are. Nothing motivates you to future action any better than present action.

6 How Do I Become a Person of Action?

- Daniel gives us the clue when he says, those that know their God, start from the inside out.
- Get closer to God. No greater motivation. No greater impetus to you being a person of action.
- Start small. Sometimes we get overwhelmed by the task in front of us.
- Just give me something small. And the big will follow.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **May God help us to accept this challenge. And may God help us to take action. Would you take action this morning?**

MY NOTES