

# Let's Talk CHANGE DEVOTIONALS



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## YOU ARE NOT READY?

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*And is God ready, the sacrifice of Christ ready, the promise ready, and pardon ready? Are ministers ready, and the people of God ready, and heaven itself ready, and angels ready, and all these but waiting for your conversion; and yet are you not ready? What! not ready to live, when you have been dead so long? not ready to come to your right understanding, as the prodigal is said to come to himself, when you have been beside yourself so long? not ready to be saved, when you are even ready to be condemned? Are you not ready to lay hold on Christ who would deliver you, when you are even ready to drown and sink into damnation? Are you not ready to be saved from hell, when you are even ready to be cast remidessly into it? Alas, man! do you know what you do? If you die unconverted, there is no doubt to be made of your damnation; and you are not sure to live an hour? and yet are you not ready to turn and to come in? Oh miserable wretch! have you not served the flesh and the devil long enough yet? have you not enough of sin? Is it so good to you? or so profitable for you? - Richard Baxter (1651-91)*



Note the time when this was written, it was in the 17th century. It's a worthy thought to ponder considering there are many who have yet to make the decision to live by giving their life to Jesus. Don't stop sharing the gospel with people. They may not be ready today but they still need to be encouraged to consider the offer. We offer people life in exchange for death, hope in exchange of despair, peace in exchange for confusion. The exchange rate of our currency fluctuates daily, however the exchange rate for life, hope and peace has never changed. The

price was paid by Jesus Christ at the cross, and the opportunity to cash in on this offer remains open to whosoever will. Perhaps you should share this 17th century thought with someone still in doubt of serving the Lord. People need to know the truth and that truth is no one has to die in their sin and experience eternal damnation.

Ponder this: If someone had their hands around your neck and was choking you to death, you would try to fight back as the feeling of losing your capacity to breath is frightening. Sin holds every unbeliever around the throat and Satan uses sin to take away people's lives every day. Sadly, some weak saints are being choked too. You're not ready? Be ready, because Jesus is on the way back soon!

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