

# PITFALLS IN THE MARATHON TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

## GENESIS 6-9

Series: Some important things to share

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### 4 PITFALLS TO AVOID

1. **Cultural distractions**
2. **Voices of doubt**
3. **Tempting shortcuts**
4. **Discouraging delays**

#### LESSONS FROM NOAH: GENESIS 6-9-----The Antidotes for Pitfalls

1. **I must \_\_\_\_\_ to be different (The Antidote for Cultural distractions)**

**Gen. 6:12** (NLT) “*God observed all the corruption in the world, and he saw violence and depravity everywhere.*”

**Gen. 6:5-6** (LB) “*When God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the trend and direction of men’s lives were only towards evil, he was sorry he had made them. It broke his heart.*”

**Gen. 6:8** (MSG) “*But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah.*”

**I can only make a difference by being different**

*“Noah was a pleasure to the Lord.”*

**Gen. 6:9a** (LB) “*Noah was the only truly righteous man living on the earth at that time.*”

2. **I must \_\_\_\_\_ to the voice of God (The Antidote for Voices of doubt)**

**Heb. 11:7a** (NCV) “*It was by faith that Noah heard God’s warnings about things he could not yet see.*”

**2 Cor. 4:18** “*We don’t look at troubles that we can see right now. Instead we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For troubles we see will soon be over but the unseen joys to come will last forever.*”

**Heb. 11:7b** (LB) “*Noah’s belief in God was in direct contrast to the disbelief of the rest of the world...*”

**I hear God by getting near God.**

**Gen. 6:9c** (NIV) “*Noah walked with God.*”

**To Walk with God Implies 3 things:**

- i. Affiliation:
- ii. Alignment:
- iii. Agreement:

**Amos 3:3** “*Can two people walk together if they don’t agree?*”

3. **I must \_\_\_\_\_ what God tells me to do. (The Antidote for Tempting shortcuts)**

**Gen. 6:9b** (LB) “*Noah always tried to conduct his affairs according to God’s will.*”

**Gen. 6:22 & 7:5** (NLT) “*Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.*”

**Heb. 11:7b** (NCV) “*Noah obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family.*”

4. **I must \_\_\_\_\_ to give up on the dream God gives me. (The Antidote for Discouraging delays)**

**Heb. 11:7a** (LB) “*Noah trusted God. When he heard God’s warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was no sign of a flood...*”

**Gal. 6:9** “*Let us not get tired of doing what is right. For after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.*”

**Heb. 11:7b** (NCV) “*...By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong, and he became one of those who are made right with God through faith.*”

**Gen. 6:8** (KJV) “*Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*”