Praying While Waiting

Devotion

Scripture: Acts 1: 8-14

My wife will be the first one to tell you that when I get a task on my mind, I want it accomplished right then and there. When we first got married, one evening she mentioned she wanted a new dining room table. Well, the very next day, I had that dining room table listed on the internet to sell. That table sold in a matter of two hours. My wife came home from work and saw that we didn’t have a dining room table anymore. She said, “Well, I guess we are getting a new table now.” I probably would have been better off by giving it a little time before making such a rushed decision.

Here, the disciples are found standing around looking towards Heaven after Christ was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight. Immediately, two men stood by in white apparel and ask the disciples, “*why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.”* The folloing verses note that the disciples returned to Jerusalem and went into the upper room. While there, they “*continued with one accord in prayer and supplication*.” The disciples did this until they received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Yes, there was a great work ahead of them by spreading the Gospel “*in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”* However, here, they paused and had prayer.

This is an excellent lesson for all Christians. Oftentimes, we will receive a task to complete. I know I get excited when called upon to teach or give devotion. I want to immediately dive into the scripture and start writing. This scripture helps me to be reminded to not rush into things and to stop and have prayer to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,  
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