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In today's fast-paced world, urgency is often seen as a crucial tool for completing tasks and achieving success. However, within the black Baptist church, a lack of urgency can hinder the progress of God's work. When there is no sense of urgency, important tasks are often delayed until the last minute, resulting in a disorganized and chaotic approach to ministry.

A major obstacle to fostering urgency in the black Baptist church is lack of proper planning. Without a clear plan of action, tasks can be missed or forgotten entirely. This leads to missed outreach opportunities, postponed events, and disorganized services. Proverbs 21:5 reminds us that "the plans of the diligent lead to profit, as surely as haste leads to poverty." Without good planning, God's kingdom work suffers, which hinders the growth and impact of the black Baptist church.

Another factor contributing to the lack of urgency is poor communication. In a church setting, effective communication is crucial for the smooth functioning of all activities. When communication breaks down or is missing, tasks may remain unfinished or be done incorrectly. This causes frustration and confusion, ultimately undermining the church's overall mission. Proverbs 12:18 states, "The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." As believers, it is our responsibility to communicate with wisdom and clarity, ensuring that God's work is done diligently and purposefully.

When urgency is lacking, it also impacts the level of organization within the black Baptist church. Last-minute preparations and rushed execution can create a disorganized and chaotic environment. This not only obstructs the progress of God's work but can also hinder the spiritual

growth and development of church members. Colossians 2:5 reminds us to "be disciplined and to be orderly." A deficiency in urgency and proper planning can lead to disorder, causing unnecessary stress and hindering the advancement of God's kingdom.

Additionally, we must recognize that time is a valuable gift from God. We are called to use our time wisely and purposefully, avoiding procrastination and disorganization. Ephesians 5:15-16 encourages us to "be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." As members of Christ's body, we should aim for excellence and diligence in serving God's kingdom.

In conclusion, a lack of urgency in the black Baptist church can hinder God's work. Without proper planning and communication, tasks are often postponed until the last minute, leading to disorder and chaos. It is essential for the church to work diligently and purposefully, always remembering that our time on earth is limited. Let us heed 1 Corinthians 15:58, which says, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." May we, as a church, pursue excellence and urgency in all we do for God's glory.