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Search
of ...*

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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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PM Worship 6:30 PM

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(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

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ing what we teach and practice,
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Heedless Hearing

*By Gary Henry
via WordPoints*

*"Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord,"
shall enter the kingdom of heaven,
but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."*
Matthew 7:21

Whatever we know of God's word, we must carry out that knowledge in our actual deeds. This may sound like little more than a cliché, but the fact is that virtually every one of us needs this reminder every single day. Because copies of the Scriptures are easily available and the media of communication have become so efficient, most of us know far more about the contents of the Scriptures than many of our most studious ancestors. But what is the result? If we "hear" what God has said but do nothing about it, our superior knowledge will be of little profit in the long run. *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven,"* Jesus said, *"but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."* We must not be heedless hearers.

If our response to God's truth is not as prompt as it should be, it will hardly help to say that we've merely been "neglectful." The problem of neglect happens to be one of the worst problems in the world. While it may seem relatively harmless in compari-

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son to some vices, neglect is responsible for some of the most awful suffering in the human race. The damage that is done by simply failing to act may grow so slowly that we don't see it increasing, but in the end, the cumulative effect is devastating. Solomon said, "*Because of laziness the building decays, and through idleness of hands the house leaks*" (**Ecclesiastes 10:18**). And however sad it may be to observe a house that has fallen into ruin, it is even sadder to see a human life that has caved in because of neglect.

Is it any wonder that we don't find our spiritual lives more richly rewarding than we do? When we fail to act on our knowledge, there is little that we can experience except the flat, dull taste of "what might have been." Dorothy Kerin was exactly right when she said, "Obedience is the key that unlocks the door to every profound spiritual experience." Nominal Christianity has proliferated in the modern era. Many are those who wear Christ's name. But to all who have "accepted" Christ, Paul's words are a sobering reminder concerning real discipleship: "As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him" (**Colossians 2:6**).

"What we think of, what we know,
or what we believe is, in the end,
of little consequence. The only thing
of consequence is what we do."

John Ruskin

*The Impossible Path is
the Most Popular*

*By Gary Henry
via WordPoints*

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Matthew 6:24

Although it is impossible to keep one foot in God's camp and the other foot in the camp of God's enemy, this is an impossibility that most of us have attempted at some point. We find the dominion of Satan to be extremely oppressive, but we're not quite willing to let go of life in him in order to live life in God. And so we nod in God's direction, hoping that when the end comes we will



have given enough of ourselves to Him that He won't mind that we kept a great deal back. We attempt to be God's servant without really serving Him, and by trying to do the impossible, we find frustration rather than fulfillment. Yet however frustrating it may be, this is by far the most popular path. We've been led to believe that we can grasp the "hope" of heaven and still retain all of the world that we care to keep.

There can be no seeking of God, however, without taking a stand *for* Him and *against* anything that is opposed to Him. As we make our decision, it may help us to recognize that when we fail to make a positive choice in His favor, we do actual *damage* to the Lord's interests. We perhaps would not want to be classified as an enemy of Jesus Christ, but there is really no alternative if we fail to serve Him actively. Jesus Himself said it unequivocally: "*He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad*" (**Matthew 12:30**). In the real world, there is no neutral stance that we can take with regard to God. The only right place to stand is shoulder-to-shoulder with Jesus Christ.

It would take a larger perspective than any

of us have right now to see how much we really lose when we temporize and fail to take decisive action. Real life awaits us—“abundant” life is what Jesus called it (**John 10:10**) — but if we don't summon the courage to reject its opposite, that life cannot be ours. Like all other good things, the joys of life in God are the consequences of having a character that is not afraid to make big sacrifices.

“The well-defined spiritual life is not only the highest life, but it is also the most easily lived. The whole cross is more easily carried than the half. It is the man who tries to make the best of both worlds who makes nothing of either. And he who seeks to serve two masters misses the benediction of both.”

Henry Drummond

It All Comes Down To This

*By Gary Henry
via WordPoints*

“Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. God will judge everything we do, even what is done in secret, whether good or bad.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13,14
Contemporary English Version

When life has been soberly considered, the conclusion of the whole matter is that we should properly relate ourselves to God. In other words, we should (1) adopt a

posture of real reverence toward Him and (2) commit ourselves to carrying out His instructions in every area of life. “*Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about.*” Compared to this priority, nothing else even tips the scale. This is our all, our everything.

Daniel Webster, a statesman who moved in the highest circles of temporal power and consequence, once said, “The most important thought I ever had was that of my individual responsibility to God.” This is a statement of pure insight. It penetrates the complicated appearance that *many things* are important and touches the *one and only thing* that is really important after all (**Luke 10:41,42**). The quality of our lives would increase dramatically if we could accept this insight before the burden of years finally forces us to recognize our mortality. By the time most of us see what Webster saw, we've already misspent most of our life-resources, and there is little to give God but our leftovers.

The philosophical work to which **Ecclesiastes 12:13,14** is the conclusion is a work that ought to be of considerable interest to us at the present moment in history. Never before have so many issues (and so much commerce!) crowded around us, clamoring for our attention. Somewhere in our brains we know that most of these things are of nothing more than passing interest. Today's front-page news moves to the back page tomorrow and is completely forgotten the day after that. Solomon used the word “vanity” to describe the wispy, fleeting nature of all this frantic worldly business: “*I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind*” (**Ecclesiastes 1:14**). Do we not desperately need to hear this wise old king recall us to what is solid and substantial?

“Ah! For a vision of God!
For a mighty grasp of the real,
Feet firm based on granite in
place of crumbling sand!”

Roden Noel

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Ezekiel 26:1-11
Reader	Ken Prager
Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Tim Henderson
Fruit of the Vine	Nathan Marshall
Serve	Blake Headen
Serve	Terry Smith
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Ezekiel 26:12-21
Reader	Earl Miller
1st Prayer	Dan Marton
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Harold Marshall

Wednesday

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Class Prayer	Tim Henderson
Song Leader	Singing/Praying
Invitation	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Matt Ferrell

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Recovering:

- Ann Rudolph
- Mary Jane Myers
- Joyce Coen
- Marie Roberts

Prayer Requests:

- Alfred Myers has been diagnosed with a leaky valve in his heart, they are going to wait 6 months to see if it remains the same or improves. If it doesn't improve or gets worse they will do surgery
- Mary Jane Myer's daughter has cancer in her neck and at this time they don't believe they can operate.
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry
- Frank Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's brother is currently taking radiation treatments for prostate cancer
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother, continues to be in Weirton Medical Center
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Cary and Grace Lancaster

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap