

What is our Attitude towards the Work of the Lord?

Man stranded on island all by himself for 15 years rescued.

Tour of Island with rescuers.

House, store, cabana, Church

33,000 different Christian denominations

Procrastination

"One of these days I'm going to get help for my procrastination problem."

Procrastination is never boring. You have all kinds of things you should be doing.

"Procrastination is like a credit card; it's a lot fun until you get the bill." Christopher Parker

"I like work. It fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours."

It's the job that's never started as takes longest to finish."— J. R. R. Tolkien

"You may delay, but time will not." B. Franklin

"Whatever you want to do, do it now. There are only so many tomorrows." — Michael Landon

"Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow." Mark Twain

Introduction

The Time that remains – Our World, as we know it, will pass away

Where is your Focus?

What are you attached to?

What Distractions get in your way?

Are we in Perfect Unity?

Text: [Jhn 17:11 KJV] 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we [are].

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[Jhn 17:11, 15 NLT] 11 Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ... 15 I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.

The time is short. What is your Attitude towards serving Christ?

[Jas 4:14 KJV] 14 Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

[1Co 7:29 KJV] 29 But this I say, brethren, **the time [is] short**: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; upon the Lord without distraction.

[1Co 7:29-35 NLT] 29 But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage. 30 Those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. 31 Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away. 32 I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him. 33 But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. 34 His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

A Spanish Proverb that says, Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week.

Did you know some day is not a day of the week?

Balance is key.

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[1Ti 3:4-7 KJV] 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

[1Ti 3:5 NLT] 5 For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?

The Time that remains

[Eph 5:15-16 KJV] 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

[Eph 5:15-16 NLT] 15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Grow in the Lord While you Can.

[Jhn 14:26 KJV] 26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Where is your Focus?

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Paul Said, [Phi 3:13 NLT] 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

Paul Told Timothy, [1Ti 4:13 NLT] 13 Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

What's your Focus when you go through your trouble.

[2Co 1:4 KJV] 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, **that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble**, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

What are you attached to?

Worldly Things?

Cares of this life, money, power, fame, selfish desires

The Things of God?

[1Ti 4:14-15 KJV] 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

[1Ti 4:14-15 NLT] 14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. 15 Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress.

Our World will pass away

[2Pe 3:10-11 KJV] 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness,

[1Co 15:52 KJV] 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

What Distractions get in your way?

Trouble?

[Job 14:1 KJV] 1 Man [that is] born of a woman [is] of few days, and full of trouble.

[Psa 50:15 KJV] 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Cares of this Life

[Luk 8:14 KJV] 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of [this] life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Be a doer

[Jas 1:22-23 KJV] 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Are we in Perfect Unity?

We are all broken and need each other. We are appointed by God to serve each other.

Jews and Gentiles

[Act 11:2-4, 12, 15-17 KJV] **2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.** 4 But Peter rehearsed [the matter] from the beginning, and expounded [it] by order unto them, saying, ... 12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

The Jews did Reach Unity

[Act 11:15-18 KJV] 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as [he did] unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Jesus Christ Brings Unity

[Eph 2:14 KJV] 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition [between us];

[Eph 2:18-20 KJV] 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone];

[Eph 3:9-10 KJV] 9 And to make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly [places] might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Unity is not:

Union – United together

Uniformity We are not the same

Unanimity We do not all agree on everything

Unity comes from having a shared center, Jesus Christ.