

“TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE”

We humans spend a lot of time dwelling on the yesterdays and tomorrows and sometimes lose sight of the todays. Not that yesterdays and tomorrows are not important because I believe they are. It is just that we sometimes spend all of our time with them and forget that we have a “today” to deal with. Jesus said **“Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Mat 6:34 NASB)** This came right after He said **“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.” (Mat 6:33 NASB)** What He is saying to us is there are priorities and a lot can be told about a person when we see what his/her priorities are. Do we seek God’s kingdom on a daily basis or has it become just a part time quest of ours? What are our priorities?

The Italians have a saying that translates to “tomorrow, tomorrow” meaning there is always tomorrow to get done the things, which need to get done. I believe this has become the motto for the modern church and for many Christians today. We are just too busy with our every day life to get done what needs to get done for the Lord. The church is always looking for elders tomorrow. The recent problems with the health of brother Hooper brought this to my mind as the church in Sunnyvale had three wonderful elders just a couple of months ago and were happy to just stay with them and not continue looking for qualified men. Now until they can find more they will be without elders in that congregation. What about our congregation? Are we happy to just continue without elders and not even search to see if we have men who qualify? What about the individuals among us? When was the last time any of us visited someone outside our little group who was sick? When was the last time any of us mentioned Jesus to someone who was not a Christian? We always seem to have the time to get done what we want to do but tomorrow is enough time for the Lord. Paul told us **“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” (Rom 12:1 NASB)** The pursuit of Christianity is not something done part time but is a daily effort on our part. It is not just doing what we want to do. It is not just doing what we enjoy doing. It is not just doing that which comes easy for us. It involves real sacrifice on our part. It is doing what we are told to do. Next time you hear something from the Bible that you don’t think you have to do, ask yourself the question “what makes me different” than the man who does not want to get baptized and says “he doesn’t have to?” After we are baptized we begin again practicing partial obedience. That is we begin to pick and choose what we want to do. Jesus told his disciples to teach those whom they had baptized to teach **“them to observe all that I commanded you.” (Mat 28:20 NASB)**

We need to practice the old saying “NEVER PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT WE CAN DO TODAY.” Let us both as a congregation and as individual

Christians begin this day to resolve to start doing something each day to serve the Lord. Remembering that “This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psa 118:24 NASB) Each day belongs to the Lord so let us give Him, His due each and every day.

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