

The Vincennes Voice

"...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight..." (Matt. 3:3)

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THINGS REGULARLY DONE

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We often hear commercials encouraging us to regularly do things, like see the doctor, visit the dentist or have your oil changed. While these things are good to do, Christians must be regularly involved in the following, more vital actions.

1. Regularly Assemble With God's People. The Hebrew writer penned "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). It is a good thing to consistently be with God's people. Recall, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). Regular assembling brings with it consideration, a stirring up of love and good works and encouragement (Heb. 10:24). We should adopt the attitude of the Psalmist who wrote "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psa. 122:1). When the doors are open for assembling and study, and I have the ability to go, then I have laid upon me the responsibility to go. If not, why not?

2. Regularly Pray. People of the Bible were people of prayer. So they are today. The New Testament calls upon Christians to "Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17). The Philippians were taught "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Php. 4:6). Consistent communication with God is important. Let us not grow lax.

3. Regularly Study God's Word. Paul commanded Timothy "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). The Bereans were championed because "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Conversely, the people of Hosea were "destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). We should determine to "read" the Bible so we can "understand" what it intends for us (Eph. 3:4). Steady Bible study keeps one from swallowing destructive false teaching. Study hard!

4. Regularly Commune. The early disciples did. Acts 20:7 reports "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread..." Each week has a first day, so we can know then they regularly observed the Lord's Supper. Those who consistently forsake the assembling cannot be constant in their duty to "eat this bread, and drink this cup" (I Cor. 11:26).

5. Regularly Give. To the Corinthians Paul authored "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:2). As we give, we do so "as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7). A good example of this was a widow who "cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury" (Mk. 12:43). She gave sacrificially. Those who steadily absent themselves from the assembling fail in their duty to regularly give. This injures both the individual soul and the work of the body.

WHAT ARE YOU FINDING?

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The Bible speaks of those things one may “find.” Are you finding the following?

1. Find The Narrow Way Which Leads To Life. Near the end of the mountain sermon, Jesus said “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matt. 7:13-14). Getting to heaven will be a process involving diligent searching for the right path. It is narrow, indicating the sin which “doth so easily beset us” must be laid aside (Heb. 12:1).

2. Find Wisdom. Solomon penned “Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding” (Prov. 3:13). Wisdom is knowledge applied. “Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it” (Prov. 8:11). Job uttered wisdom “cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof” (Job 28:15). Are you finding knowledge and wisdom?

3. Find Rest Unto Your Souls. Jesus invited “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matt. 11:28-30). A soul cannot truly be at rest until it has been cleansed from sin “in his own blood” (Rev. 1:5). Sinners need to come out of a life of indifference and find true and lasting rest.

4. Find A Wife. Solomon penned “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord” (Prov. 18:22). The value of a good, Godly wife cannot be enumerated. Every successful husband has a wife who strongly and solidly stands with him. When seeking a “help meet,” a good, thorough reading of Prov. 31:10-31 is necessary. The Bible overflows with good wives. Eve for Adam, Sarah for Abraham, and Priscilla for Aquila are just a few to be named. “A prudent wife is from the Lord” (Prov. 19:14) and is to be highly honored and respected. I know I certainly do mine. How about you?

5. Find Grace To Help. The author of Hebrews iterated “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). We often overlook the great help we have in our Father. In truth, He is our greatest Help! “The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Heb. 13:6). “Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield” (Psa. 33:20). “Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul” (Psa. 54:4). “Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice” (Psa. 63:7). “Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield” (Psa. 115:11). “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness” (Isa. 41:10). “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psa. 46:1). The Bible speaks for itself. Overlooked no more is the Father, who is our help in each and every instance of need.

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