

“CONTINUE...” by Larry R. Ping II

When the Bible employs the word “continue,” it carries with it the idea of “staying or remaining” in something which has already been “established.” Are you continuing in these things?

1. CONTINUE IN PRAYER. This was the admonition of Paul in Colossians 4:2. Prayer is an absolute vital clog in the life of a child of God. It must be started, and it must be a continual part of life (I Thessalonians 5:17). Do you continue in prayer?

2. CONTINUE IN THE FAITH. New Christians in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch were commanded to “*continue in the faith*” (Acts 14:22). The Colossians and Timothy were directed to do the same (Colossians 1:23; I Timothy 2:15). “The faith” is a reference to a “system of faith,” in this case the New Testament. Do you continue in the faith?

3. CONTINUE IN CHARITY, HOLINESS AND SOBRIETY. Paul urged in I Timothy 2:15 to continue in “*charity and holiness with sobriety.*” Each of these admonitions consider one’s day-to-day life on earth. The life of a child of God must be occupied by love, by making a difference and by spiritual awareness. Do you continue in charity, holiness and sobriety?

4. CONTINUE IN THE THINGS YOU HAVE LEARNED. Paul’s second letter to the evangelist iterates, “*But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them*” (II Tim. 3:14). It is essential to learn God’s Word, but as essential to remain in it. Do you continue in the things you have learned?

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“...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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“A DISCIPLE NAMED TABITHA” by Larry R. Ping II

We read of a woman named Tabitha, or Dorcas, in Acts 9:36-43. Consider these bits of information about her.

1. SHE WAS A DISCIPLE (ACTS 9:36). That is, she was both a follower and adherent to Christ. She had been obedient to His call to obey (Mark 16:16). Can this be said of us?

2. SHE WAS FULL OF GOOD WORKS (Acts 9:36). Notice she had not done a good work, but was overflowing with them. She, indeed, was a “*pattern of good works*” (Titus 2:7). Can this be said of us?

3. SHE WAS FULL OF ALMSDEEDS (Acts 9:36). Almsdeeds are acts of charity. Tabitha did these with no need of fanfare, nor with any expectation of being repaid. Can the same be said of us?

4. SHE WAS SUBJECT TO DEATH (Acts 9:37). Such is the case with all of us, as “*it is appointed unto men once to die*” (Heb. 9:27). The same is true of us all.

5. SHE WAS SORELY MISSED (Acts 9:39). Luke reports there were “*widows...weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.*” She had an amazing impact on others, even after death. Can this be said of us?

6. SHE WAS RAISED FROM THE GRAVE (Acts 9:40-41). Tabitha was raised physically. One day, “*all that are in the graves shall...come forth*” (John 5:28-29). For us, will it be to life or death?

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BIBLE READING QUESTIONS

The Bible reading for January 8-14 spans John 5:31-John 8:59.
Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) What was the response of the men who had witnessed Jesus' miracle (Jn. 6:14)? _____

- 2) "For the _____ of God is _____ which cometh down from heaven, and giveth _____ unto the world" (Jn. 6:33).
- 3) What does Jesus have according to Peter (Jn. 6:68)?

- 4) Jesus ordered to judge not according to what (Jn. 7:24)?

- 5) "Ye shall _____ me, and shall not _____ me: and where I _____, thither ye _____ come" (Jn. 7:34).
- 6) By what were the scribes and Pharisees convicted (Jn. 8:9)?

- 7) "And ye shall _____ the _____, and the truth shall _____ you _____" (Jn. 8:32).

READING SCHEDULE AND MEMORY VERSES FOR THE DAYS OF JANUARY 8-14, 2023.

January 8, 2023: John 5:31-John 6:15

January 9, 2023: John 6:16-John 6:40

January 10, 2023: John 6:41-John 6:71

January 11, 2023: John 7:1-John 7:24

January 12, 2023: John 7:25-John 7:53

January 13, 2023: John 8:1-John 8:30

January 14, 2023: John 8:31-John 8:59

"Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work" (John 4:34).

"Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word" (Psalm 119:161).

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