

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Do You Know Where You Are Going?

Most of the readers of this weekly motivational message are beyond the growing/teenage years. This is one that the younger generation should read, so I suggest that you pass it on to those in your household and/or area of influence that fall into this category.

Would it surprise you to know that most people, by the time they reach their 18th birthday or graduate from high school, don't know "where they are going". Oh, they may have a general idea that college will be next and maybe they know what subject they wish to study, but that's it. And, even for those who think they know where they are going, they don't end up where they thought they would be. Sounds a little confusing, huh! Well, life's choices are not as easy as they used to be for some people.

For the young Christian, it gets even more difficult. It appears that either we, as the adult in this picture, are not doing a very good job in teaching our children to make proper decisions about their spiritual life or our children are not doing a very good job of making those decisions themselves. Why do I say that? Because a large proportion of our teenage children are deciding that their relationship with Jesus Christ is not that important – at least not right now. And they are deciding that other things are more important than being in a right relationship with Christ.

Kids, you're soon to be adults; you need to recognize what's happening here and think twice before you decide to push Christ aside. That could be a fatal decision. You're smart; you have the ability to learn; you can discern right from wrong – good from evil. You need to understand what can, and most likely will, occur if you follow the ill-chosen path of pushing Christ out of your life.

Don't be blinded into thinking that you can still serve Christ when you allow worldly things to come between you and Jesus. Just as you need physical nourishment in order to live and grow physically, you need spiritual

nourishment in your life in order to live and grow spiritually. That means giving time to studying His word, spending time in prayer and regularly joining yourself with other Christians in worship to God.

Christ died for you – **He loves you** – He greatly desires you to make the right choices in your life and follow in His path. Too many of your peers have mistakenly thought they could “put Christ on hold” for a few years while they satisfied their worldly desires. Most of them never returned to Christ and many left this world before they could return. Be wise. Heed the words of Solomon:

Proverbs 3:5-6 – *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”*

Think about it.

Here’s hoping you’ll make the *“most of your minutes”* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland