



Sunday, August 30th, 2020

New Sermon Series: "Looking Ahead"

TWCC Sermon Connection Outline and Notes: "Looking Forward"

Proverbs 4:18 (KJV) – "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

- The _____ for the Believer is supposed to get brighter and brighter, not darker, and more confusing. In other words, our _____ progress in the Lord and in the things of God are to become more clearer, and clearer until we have full _____ of the _____, _____ and _____ of God in our respective lives. The things of God are not to become more _____, _____ or _____ in your heart and soul.
- If you feel like you've been spinning your wheels or going _____, that's not the Will of God.
- Friends, if you're going to experience _____ or have a _____, there's only one way to get it - by going _____ and 'Looking Forward'.
- **Read Psalms 115:11 - 16 (NKJV)**
- The Will of God is _____ for His children. _____ spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, relationally, and financially. The Will of God is not _____.
- Even in the midst of hard times - God's Will is to go _____, make _____ and not _____ and go _____. **Read Genesis 26:1 - 3 (KJV)**
- It is important to _____ where you're _____ and _____ where you're _____.
- **Genesis 26:12 - 14 (KJV)** - "¹²Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. ¹³And the man **waxed great**, and **went forward**, and **grew** until he became very great: ¹⁴For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him."
- Part of our _____ is supposed to be that we are so _____ and _____ so well in a godly and God-honoring manner, that people want to know how.
- **Jeremiah 7:23 - 24 (KJV)** - "²³But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. ²⁴But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and **went backward**, and **not forward**."
- This has always been the problem - people get hardheaded and hard hearted.
- **Read Hebrews 3:12 - 13 (NKJV)**
- The Israelites were guilty of _____ from the living God because they **REFUSED** to: (1) _____ His promises and (2) _____ by faith.
- **Beware** = means "to see, watch, look out for." We as born-again Believers and Christ-followers are to be on guard lest they be overtaken by the _____ of an unbelieving heart - a disobedient and rebellious heart. _____ always deceives! It takes you further than you wanted to go; it keeps you longer than you wanted to stay; and it costs you more than you wanted to pay.

- We as believers and Christ-followers should also _____ (*Encourage*) other fellow brothers and sisters and saints (Christians) daily, bolstering them against the inevitable _____ and _____ of life. **Read 2 Timothy 4:10 (NKJV)**

DON'T PUT YOUR HANDS TO THE PLOW AND LOOK BACK

- **Read Luke 9:57 - 62 (KJV)**
- There is a _____ to Discipleship. To _____ Jesus as your Lord and personal Savior is _____. However, to _____ Jesus will cost you. At times, following the Son of man involves great _____. We are admonished in **2 Timothy 2:3 (NKJV)** - "You therefore must endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."
- A soldier must leave behind the _____ of home and his personal affairs to fully devote himself to his duty. Anything less puts the mission in jeopardy.
- Demas had been faithful to be with Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome (**Colossians 4:14** and **Philemon 24**), but this time the pressure got to him.
- **Luke 9:62 (NKJV)** - "But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God'." Friends, we are to make _____ not _____ to our Lord and to our true spiritual leaders in the Lord.
- The Kingdom of God is not "me first" but "Kingdom first". We are not in position to make _____. **IF YOU'RE NOT _____ YOU'RE NOT FIT!**
- Plowing and _____ back makes you _____. If we don't see the _____ to serve, and sow our time, talent, treasure and testimony and get _____ by the Lord to minister and serve even just to one person - if we don't value it, then we don't _____ for it. We are _____.
- **Mark 1:16 - 20 (NKJV)** - "16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.' 18 **They immediately left their nets and followed Him.** 19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. 20 And **immediately** He called them, and **they left their father Zebedee** in the boat with the hired servants and went after Him."
- We are _____ to serve if we view _____ as _____ instead of the **privilege** and **honor** to _____ God and be used by God. If we don't _____ it, we don't _____!
- **Psalms 84:10 (KJV)** - "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."
- Friends, anything to do with the things of God is much more _____ than anything in the World. But you have to see it that way to _____ for it.
- If you don't see it that way you will always, _____ about what it's costing you, about what you have give up and about what you are going through.
- **Read Exodus 14:10 - 17 (NKJV)** - God's orders through Moses: **(1st)** Do not be _____ **(2nd)** Stand _____ and **(3rd)** Go _____! **Read Numbers 11:4 - 6, 18 - 20 (NKJV)**