

The Correspondent



SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM
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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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WHATEVER YOUR HAND FINDS TO DO

- Renn Ferguson

This week we will be looking at one of my favorite verses which is Ecclesiastes 9:10. Solomon wrote, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.” When I was younger, my dad had my brother and I doing all sorts of work. It was always something. Whether it was working on the house, cleaning out the gutters, helping him repair something, working on the cars or splitting wood he always made sure we were not lazy children. Many people go through their entire lives just trying to slide by. Not wanting to put in any effort to go above and beyond the minimum. This is what so many people need to learn about life. As Solomon explained to us God expects us to do our best.

He expects our best in our study. Paul wrote to Timothy, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15). The whole purpose of study is to discern what the Lord requires of us. If we do so half-heartedly with no passion or desire we are not putting forth our best effort. I understand the scriptures can be difficult to understand sometimes. There have been many times I have had to spend hours reading and researching a specific verse or topic to understand it. Things can get confusing and can fry your brain sometimes. However, if we put in the work eventually we will be able to come to the proper conclusion. In so doing, we learn what it is God requires of us and we can live our lives in a manner that pleases Him.

He expects our best in worship. Christ stated to the woman at the well, “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:23-24). Christ declares that we are to worship God in spirit. This goes beyond the actions and has to do with our mindset and hearts during worship. Are we focused on what we are doing? Are we really thinking about the songs being sung and what they are saying? Or are we just going through the motions? When we partake of the Lord’s supper are we truly remembering the sacrifice that Christ made? Or are we just eating a piece of bread and drinking some grape juice? When we give are we truly longing that our money, however much it may be, will be used to aide the work of the Lord? Or are we just putting some paper in a tray? God expects our best in worship, not just in what we do but our attitude and mindset behind it.

There are countless other things that I wish we could discuss but unfortunately we cannot. The Lord expects our best in everything we do spiritually or not. Paul wrote, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” (Colossians 3:23). As we go through our lives, whether it be at work, in our study, in worship, or any other thing let us remember that expects us to give it our all.