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Do Your Best

by Warren Berkley

2 Timothy 2:15 *“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.”*

To read and understand what the Bible message is. “...understand what the will of the Lord is,” (Eph. 5:17).

To respond to that message with personal obedience. “...Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you,” (Lk. 6:46). “Be doers of the word,” (Jas. 1:22).

To respond just as described in the New Testament. “...practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you,” (Phil. 4:7). “...Do everything in the name of the Lord,” (Col. 3:17).

To worship God, as He has directed. “...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,” (Jno. 4:23,24).

To honor – with your participation – what the New Testament says about being with and working with other Christians in your area. “...joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love,” (Eph. 4:16). “...not neglecting to meet together...,” (Heb. 10:26).

To share the gospel with your friends and family. The first Christians “did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus,” (Acts 5:42).

To expose sin and offer the remedy. “Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them,” (Eph. 5:11).

To be engaged from the heart with your family. “Husbands, love your wives... Let the wife see that she respects her husband ... Children, obey your parents ... Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord,” (Eph. 5:25-6:4)

To love your neighbor. “Love your neighbor as yourself,” (Mark 12:31).

To be nourished with the Word of God in such a consistent way, you never stop growing spiritually. “...long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation,” (1 Pet. 2:1).

What The Devil Hates

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The Devil Hates Deliberation

When I got out of the army, for a few months, I worked as a salesman selling what was called Hi-Fi equipment (not WIFI; stereo components).

The easiest sale was when a customer

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

would listen to some music being played on the equipment, like the sound of it and buy it on the spot. We called those THE QUICK SALE.

The hard sale was the man who, while listening to the music, asked about the electronic board, technical specifications of the equipment, warranty, etc.

“How long will this amplifier last? Will it work with my pre-amp? Will it push to my set of speakers which are 15 feet away? What is the maintenance record for this turntable? What about access to parts?”

These customers were not impulse shoppers. They would not buy just because the system sounded good in the store. They took their time. They applied thought and discipline in their purchases.

The devil is annoyed when we stop to think about all that is packed into a given temptation. When we start thinking of long-term consequences; when we study; consult with good spiritual advisors; pray and pause – the devil may just move on.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you,”
(James 4:7)

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson has improved some but still has limited mobility.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing cancer treatments and is recovering from Covid.

Nancy Richardson is doing better but still dealing with breathing problems.

Karen Hallmark has improved but is still struggling with her health and her eyes, as well as asthma.

Dinah Williams is home but still has very limited mobility.

Don Simmons is home and recovering from Covid.

John Miller (Dyanne Turner’s brother) is undergoing treatment for liver cancer.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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