

here we are again. have you ever noticed how the the days go by, and then the months, and then the years. soon it is later than we think. the things we meant to do and the things we meant to say were never done.

will you find yourself living with regrets? i hope not. set your priorities now and decide the things that need to come first. sure, there will be urgent situations that arise. we are not talking about those.

life is full of choices. it is our choices that determine our ultimate goal. "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." joshua 24:15

do you choose to be harsh or gentle; selfish or generous; unforgiving or merciful; His way or yours. these and more, are choices we make many times a day in different situations and with different people. do you choose to walk with the Lord this day or be guided by self. if the Spirit leads you one direction while self desires another, which is the strongest drive?

do things possess you or do you possess them? can you say as the apostle paul did "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 2 cor 6:10

"as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" - sorrowful at the sin we see all around us yet rejoicing that truth is revealed.

"as poor, yet making many rich" - sacrificing things that others may possess eternal life in Jesus.

"as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" - giving that which i can never keep for that which i can never lose.

for anything to be really yours, you must give it away. it may be things or time or even love. God's eternal law of planting and harvesting is true for all things. whatever you sow, it will bear fruit after it's kind.

our Lord said in the beatitudes in matthew 5 that "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". what did He mean by that? i have heard many explanations that i don't receive. what do i believe? i believe it is a recognition of where we are compared to our God, and an awareness of how far we need to grow. remember the poem? "and worms have learn'd to lisp thy name."

even though we may now only "lisp", we desire to speak it plainly. believe me, i know something about speaking plainly these days.

thank you for allowing me to speak to you today. i know many may see this as only an annoyance, but others see it as a drink of water. some days may be a bigger drink than others. i always try to scatter the word of God throughout. though my words may be uninspired, His will never be.

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whatever we do, we do all to the glory of God.

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