

## By Faith We Know...

The best kind of exercise is godliness (1Tim. 4:7-8).

The sharpest of all swords is the word of God (Heb. 4:12).

The greatest of all paths is pursued by faith and not by sight (2Cor. 5:7).

The richest of all treasures is available even to the poorest of men (James 2:5; 2Cor. 4:7; Rom. 1:16-17; Eph. 3:8).

To be rich in good works is far more important than to be rich in this world's goods (1Tim. 6:17-18).

The most beautiful apparel is the apparel that adorns the inward being, the heart (1Peter 3:3-4).

The most effective manner of revenge is kindness, which can only be administered in the proper spirit (Prov. 25:21-22; Rom. 12:17-21).

The most secure of all banks is in heaven, and we must emphasize making deposits there over making deposits in an earthly one (Matt. 6:19-21)

The greatest and truest peace must be had while fighting the good fight of the faith (1Tim. 6:12; Eph. 6:10-12; Phil. 4:7).

Those who enjoy the sinful pleasures of this world shall miss the joys of heaven (Luke 8:14; 1Tim. 5:6).

The greatest multitude of people ever to assemble shall be gathered in the shortest span of time for the most important reason, and you and I will be there.

## The Church is NOT...

...composed of people who think they are better than others, but rather those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to do better (Phil. 3:12-14).

...composed of perfect people, but rather those who realize they are following a perfect Lord who revealed a perfect Plan in a perfect Book (James 1:21-25).

...composed of people who never sin, but rather forgiven sinners who acknowledge their faults and forsake them (Prov. 28:13).

...trying to withdraw from everyone, but is rather trying to draw everyone into the fellowship of Christ by walking in the light of God (John 12:32; Mark 16:15-16; 1John 1:6-9).

...trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder any- one, but is rather trying to show the rule of Christ which helps everyone (Gal. 6:2; 1John 3:16-18).

...trying to take the joy out of your life, but is rather trying to instill the beauty of holiness and true joy in your life (2Chron. 20:21; Phil. 4:4; 1Peter 1:8).

...trying to separate you from your money, but is rather trying to keep your money from separating you from God (Matt. 6:19-21; Luke 12:13-21).

...trying to rob you of your time, but is rather trying to get you to put the priorities of your life in proper order so you can enjoy eternity.

## Five Factors of Church Growth

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Fidelity in Teaching (1Tim. 1:3-4, 4:6, 6:3-5; 2Tim. 1:13, 4:7-8; Titus 1:9)

Vitality in Praying (Eph. 6:18; 1Thes. 5:17)

Tenacity in Suffering (Heb. 10:34-39; 1Peter 1:7, 3:13-17, 4:12-19; Rev. 2:10)

Liberality in Giving (Rom. 12:8; 2Cor. 9:6-11)

Purity in Living (Rom. 13:11-14; Titus 2:11-12; 1Peter 1:13-16, 3:8-12)

## A Body in the Trunk

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse..." (Rom. 1:20)

John Halone, a scientist, once suggested to Monsignor Knox that in a universe containing millions of planets it was inevitable that life would appear by chance on one of them. "Sir," said Knox, "if Scotland Yard found a body in your trunk, would you tell them, 'There are millions of trunks in the world - surely one of them must contain a body'? I think they still would want to know who put it there." (From 1500 Illustrations from Biblical Preaching, p. 84)

Isa. 45:18 says, "For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD, and there is no other." Psalm 90:2 says, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."

## There's A Vast Difference

Between being sorry for sin,  
And being sorry you were caught.  
Between confessing your sins,  
And confessing some other fellow's.  
Between seeing your own faults,  
And seeing those of others.  
Between conversion of the head,  
And conversion of the heart.  
Between contending for the faith,  
And striving for your own opinion.

## A Moments Wisdom

The only God-forsaken man is the man who has forsaken God.

Poise is the difference between flipping your lid and raising your eyebrow.

People who pride themselves on their "complexity" and deride others for being "simplistic" should realize that the truth is often not very complicated. What gets complicated is evading the truth. (Thomas Sowell, 7/95)

Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship. (Zeuxis, 400 B.C., from Pliny the Elder, Natural History)

## Safety Tip

Do not ride in an auto; they cause 20% of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay at home; 17% of all accidents happen there.

Do not walk in the street; 15% of all accidents happen to pedestrians.

Do not travel by air, rail or water; 16% of all accidents result from these activities.

Only .001% of all accidents happen in the church (building)! Therefore the safest place to be on: Sunday AM at 9:30, Sunday PM at 6:00, and Wednesday PM at 7:00 is right here at TR. (Adapted from The Joyful Noiseletter, Sept - Oct 1988, via Creators Syndicate)