

Stop And Smell The Roses – 09/27/20

TEXT- **Mat 6:25-34** esp. vs. 34 *Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*

INTRO – The story is told of President Kennedy’s mother saying to him, “Stop and smell the roses.” Her intent was to remind the president to enjoy his presidential experience.

Smelling roses does not produce an income and it doesn’t accomplish a task. But it does provide beauty and peace in life.

How to Stop and Smell the Roses

- Method 1 of 3: Making Time for Family and Friends. Take time out of your schedule be with your family. Quality time with...
- Method 2 of 3: Building Deeper Relationships. Put away your cell phone, tablet, laptop, and other devices that distract.
- Method 3 of 3: Appreciating the Small Things. Be mindful about the world around you.

It’s Hard To Be Humble

Oh Lord it’s hard to be humble
When you’re perfect in every way
I can’t wait to look in the mirror
Cause I get better looking each day
To know me is to love me
I must be a hell of a man
Oh Lord It’s hard to be humble,
But I’m doing the best that I can

People through the years have said, “You must be very proud of what you have done.” Not so. Never even thought about it.

It is important to occasional stop and consider what the Lord has done!

I. Count Your Blessings

A. Salvation is the greatest gift of all. Mat 7:13 . . . broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Where would you be without the Lord.

Life now makes sense and you have a divine purpose.

I found something that money can’t buy

I found a gold mine beyond the blue sky

I found a land where I’ll live when I die

I found the Lord

A rich man am I

B. The basic provisions of life are supplied

1Ti 6:6 *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

1Ti 6:8 *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

Psa 37:25 *I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

Php 4:19 *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Song – I found the Lord, a rich man am I.

C. Be thankful

Psa 118:1 *O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.*

1 Th 5:18 *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

Lady gave testimony in country church. I only have two teeth but I thank God they meet.

The O.T. peace offerings were given with thanksgiving.

II. The Importance of Patience

A. God may slow us down to draw closer to Him

Rom 5:3-4 *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:*

B. God may chasten us to make us more fruitful

Heb 12:5-7 *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?*

C. To give us greater awareness

Psa 19:1-4 *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,*

D. Meditation

Psa 1:2 *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

Psa 143:5 *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.*

Psa 46:10 *Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

E. The need for rest and recuperation

Mar 6:31 *And he said unto them, **Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while:** for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.*

Since creation God said man should labor 6 days and rest the seventh

III. Remember the Days of Old

A. It reminds us of the hand of God working

Psa 143:5 *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.*

B. It reminds us that God used us in the past and can so again

C. It keeps us from straying and compromise

Deu 32:7 *Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.*

Jer 6:16 *Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.*

Pro 22:28 *Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.*

CONCL – We can be rich without being wealthy

Rev 3:17 *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*