

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS

You have no doubt heard people talking about simplifying their lives, as they get older. Perhaps it is because you begin to realize that all these “extras” are just that. They are not essential for our living, or even our happiness. That seems to be what Solomon had concluded when he wrote the words found in Ecclesiastes 12:13,14. Notice several translations of this text.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”(KJV)

“This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” (ASV)

The conclusion, the end of the matter can be summed up in the few words recorded by Solomon. It all comes down to this. We need to have reverence toward God and we need to commit ourselves to doing what God has instructed us to do. This is to be the priority of our lives. This is what life is supposed to be about. There is nothing else that should even come close to this priority. We have so many things crowding our lives on a day-to-day basis. Simplify life: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about.

He Shall Direct Your Paths

Whoever said life is a breeze was wrong! At home, work, school, and yes, even at church, we struggle with complicated issues. Sometimes we wonder which way to turn. How can we resolve life’s thorny problems?

Pop psychology says to look within yourself for the answers. Follow your heart! Do whatever you think is right, and it will all work out.

Major problem: God’s word says exactly the opposite! “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). So, according to God’s inspired prophet, we are looking in the wrong place when we look within ourselves for direction. Why is that?

God, through Jeremiah, gives us the answer in 17:9 – “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.” Ouch! It hurts me to admit that I am sinful. The world erroneously insists that people are fundamentally good, so we can find the right course by looking inside ourselves. God Himself says our hearts are deceitful and wicked; it is not in us to direct our own steps.

That’s not to say that there is nothing good about us, or that we can never be correct about the direction we should go. A heart that has been cleansed by the blood of Jesus and trained in God’s word might very well recommend the right path frequently. But that’s just the point: bottom line, the right way is determined

by God's word, not by whatever might be in my heart. Even the heart converted to Christ may be deceived by Satan's lies through the weakness of the flesh.

King Solomon wisely wrote: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

When the world calls you to look within yourself to find the truth, resist that appeal with all your might. Let God direct your paths; then you may be confident that you will arrive safely at your eternal destination!

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TAKE TIME

Take Time to think...

It is the source of power.

Take Time to play...

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take Time to read...

It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take Time to pray...

It is the greatest power on earth.

Take Time to love and be loved...

It is a God-given privilege.

Take Time to be friendly...

It is the road to happiness.

Take Time to laugh...

It is music of the soul.

Take Time to give...

It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take Time to work...

It is the price of success.

Take Time to show appreciation...

It is the frosting on the cake of life.

Take Time to dream...

It is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take Time to be charitable...

It is the key to heaven. —*copied*

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

Sept 24, 2017

Co-Coordinator George Clay
Announcements Dallas Eddie

Scriptures Reading.. Eccle. 12:13 . . .Austin Clay
Song Leader Steve Anderson
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve:, Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Greeters: Please be here to greet before services.

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—The Bible Tells Me So
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Dallas Eddie
Song Leader. Steve Anderson
Scripture Reading...Psa. 7:17 Austin Clay

Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord's Supper Jacky Carver, Sr.
. John William Leonard
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement. Dallas Eddie
Song Leader George Clay
First Prayer. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Opening Prayer Glen Reece
Closing Prayer Mitchell Brooks

Prepare Communion for SEPT

Patsy T & Lesa L

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09/17/17

Wednesday.	56
Worship Sunday AM	N/A
Bible Study Sunday AM	N/A
Daily Bible Readers	N/A
Worship Sunday PM	N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 24th.** Fellowship Meal
- Sept. 27th.** Prepare Nursing Home Bag
- Oct. 1st.** Men’s Business Meeting
- Oct. 1st.** Nursing Home and Bag Delivery

READING SCHEDULE FOR OCT

01 Micah 5-7	11 Matt. 1-3	22 Mark 10-12
02 Nahum 1-3	12 Matt. 4-6	23 Mark 13-15
03 Hab 1-3	13 Matt. 7-9	24 Mark 16;
04 Zeph 1-3	14 Matt. 10-14	Lk.1-2
05 Hag. 1-2;	15 Matt. 15-17	25 Luke 3-5
Zech. 1	16 Matt. 18-20	26 Luke 6-8
06 Zech. 2-4	17 Matt. 21-23	27 Luke 9-11
07 Zech. 5-9	18 Matt. 24-26	28 Luke 12-16
08 Zech. 10-12	19 Matt.	29 Luke 17-19
09 Zech. 13-14;	27-28; Mark 1	30 Luke 20-22
Mal. 1	20 Mark 2-4	31 Luke 23-24;
10 Mal. 2-4	21 Mark 5-9	John 1