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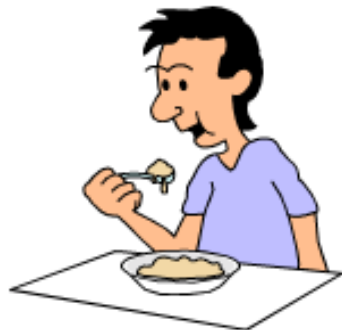
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God's Daily Miracle In You

In Each 24 Hours:

Your heart beats 103,689 times.
Your blood travels 168,000,000 miles.
You breathe 23,040 times.
You inhale 438 cubic feet of air.
You eat 3 pounds of food.
You drink 2.9 quarts of liquids.
You speak 4,800 words, including
some unnecessary ones.

JUST THINK, these are just one person's needs. Now multiply this by nearly 4 billion living souls and remember God designed it all. He is the source.



Cold? Hot? Lukewarm?

When someone ignores or shuns us, we say, “they gave me the cold shoulder.” When someone is passionate about something, we say, “they are on fire.” So, I suppose someone that doesn’t seem to care one way or the other, must be lukewarm.

Interestingly enough, the Bible speaks about these very terms in Revelation 3:15-16. There must be something God wanted us to learn about these terms, and their meaning. God makes it very clear throughout the Bible that He wants us to have a passion about Him and His Word.

I have noticed that many of those people that call themselves Christian today, are not very passionate about Jesus or about the Bible. They seem eager to be known as Christians, but not too eager to go to church or study the Word. They have many other things that they are more interested in and passionate about.

There are many that are passionate about social issues. They seem to think that they are supposed to change the social problems by way of political battles. They will spend time protesting, writing petitions and getting signatures. They will call their elected officials and urge others to do so, but that leaves them with little time to study God’s Word, or spend time in fellowship with Him. God has called us to an intimate fellowship with Him, and the social problems of our country are only to be solved when Jesus is truly Lord of all.

Many have business pursuits, goals, and desires about which they are passionate. They spend their time trying to acquire more worldly goods and pleasures. They want to reach certain goals, and then they will have time for the Lord. Unfortunately, they never seem to get to where they have time for God. God wants our time right now, not later. Nothing that we accomplish in this life, outside of our work for the Lord, will even show up in eternity.

Some are certain that they are doing God's will, and have dedicated much time to their labors. Just remember that Saul of Tarsus thought surely he was doing God's will. He had to come face to face with Jesus before he realized his mistake. We must first cultivate a deep intimate relationship with Jesus if we are to do His perfect will. Never will God's will for our lives put us in a situation where we have no time for true fellowship with Jesus.

So, which are you today? Are you cold? Most of God's people are not really cold, just indifferent. Are you luke-warm? This is the condition of most Christians today. Or, are you HOT? Is your heart on fire for the Lord? Do you desire a truly intimate relationship with Jesus? He should be the true lover of our soul. He wants your life today.

Gordon

**BE ON FIRE
FOR THE
LORD!!**



LOST AND FOUND

“For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10.

One day Jesus came to the house of a little man, Zacchaeus, and spoke these words of our text. This man seemed to think he knew where he was in God’s scheme of things. He was chief among the Publicans, and the Scripture says that He was rich. The publicans were despised for their dishonesty in handling the taxing of their own people for the Romans. The Romans allowed them to pocket what ever they could charge over the required taxes.

Zacchaeus had done well for himself by the rules of man. Yet he must have felt something was missing for he sought to see Jesus. He made a serious effort of running ahead of Jesus route and climbing a tree. Jesus called him down from that tree and invited himself to Zac’s house. Zac. Made haste and came down and received Jesus joyfully.

The people that knew Zac. well, criticized Jesus for going to be a guest with a man that is a sinner. They seemed to place Zac. in one lost category in their opinion, and Zac. saw himself in another. He thought he was all right, in his self-righteous estimate. As long as humanity tries to find their own way, they remain lost. “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Prov. 14:12. Thank God, that Jesus offered Himself as the way, the truth, and the life.

God lets us know that He knows right where we are in every detail of life. Heb. 4:12,13. God is so gracious to tell us that we are lost, and teaches that we by faith in His saving grace may

become found in Him, not depending upon any so-called righteousness of our own. Phil. 3:9. He does require that we by faith open our hearts door to Him. Revelation 3:20. I believe that Zacchaeus was one of the lost souls that Jesus found. If this is right, I am glad to rejoice with the found and the finder.

How Shall The Lost Be Found? Luke 15:1 & 2

“Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and the Scribes murmured, saying this man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.” Then Jesus began to speak the three parables recorded in the remainder of this chapter. In these three we might consider God the Father, who through His beloved Son is the finder of lost sheep, the gatherer of lost value, and the lover of lost children.

Who Are Allowed To Hear?

It is interesting that these Publicans and sinners drew near to hear. Receptive hearts and ears are good gifts unto the Lord. There seem to be many that won't make such a move toward Jesus. Many so-called believers are refusing to hear. The Scribes and Pharisees of our day are around to murmur and complain, and thus miss hearing His gracious words of comfort and cheer and receiving transforming faith in their hearts.

Many today gather for social reasons, prestigious places, acceptance of fellowman, and are never found in Jesus. There may be on sitting right beside you. Shall we share the life of our Lord with them? Shall we for the Love of Jesus, pray for others to turn their hearts and ears to God, and welcome Him into their life? Let us count it a high privilege. It is a sacred service to share the **Word of Life** that's in Jesus Christ!

Who knows the eternal value of one soul? God did, Jesus does, He delights to tell us. Let us listen.

BIBLE TRIVIA

The Life of Jesus

1. What were money-changers doing in the temple to make Jesus so upset?
2. What did Jesus mean when he told the Jews “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up”?
3. What is the name of the one rich Pharisee who believed Jesus was the ruler of the Jews?
4. Who asked Jesus, “How can a man be born after he is grown up”?
5. “Unless man is born of _____ and of the _____ , he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”
6. To whom was Jesus speaking when he stated “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, . . .”?
7. Recite John 3:16.
8. What is the name of the well at which Jesus met the Samaritan woman?
9. Why did the Jews of Jerusalem hate the Samaritan Jews?
10. In what city did Jesus speak to the Samaritan woman at the well?
11. To whom did Jesus say, “Give me a drink”?
12. What did the teachers in the synagogues do differently when reading Scripture and when explaining Scripture?
13. One time when Jesus spoke to the people at Capernaum, he spoke just off the seashore. From whose boat did he speak?
14. Who were the three disciples that were with Jesus when he upset the money-changer’s tables in the temple?
15. The mother-in-law of which disciple was healed by Jesus?
16. What signified the end of the Sabbath for the Jews?

1. Every Jew over twenty years old had to give a half shekel to the priests for sacrifices. Since these were the only coins the priests would take, those who came from distant countries had to get their currency exchanged for half shekels.
2. Jesus was speaking of his death and resurrection. 3. Nicodemus.
4. Nicodemus. 5. water; Spirit. 6. Nicodemus. 7. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” 8. Jacob’s well. 9. The Samaritan Jews built a temple in their own country instead of going to Jerusalem. 10. Sychar. 11. The Samaritan woman. 12. They stood up to read Scripture, but sat down to teach it. 13. Peter’s. 14. Andrew, Simon (Peter), and Phillip. 15. Peter’s. 16. Sunset

Is Inconsistency Attractive?

Inconsistency is not an attractive thing is it? This characteristic upsets and discuses us.

When a child is put with an unruly, undisciplined child, in a short time he will pick up those actions and do them. Especially when he is with those that do those things.

Some have said, “I can go right from church and get with worldly or carnal friends and act like the world. It surprises me how quickly I can change.”

Youth often condemn their parents or elders and say, “They are so inconsistent, they say don’t do this and then they do something just as bad. They say don’t do drugs and yet they smoke and drink beer. They want me to go to church and yet they don’t go.”

As a believer, what does my heavenly Father want from me, concerning this subject? Does He care whether I am consistent or not?

Phil. 1:27 tells us **to let** our conversation or conduct of life be becoming to the gospel of Christ. To stand fast, be consistent, in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

It is God’s desire for us to be consistent. Read I Thess. 4:1-12, for instructions or exhortations about living a godly life. We are to walk pleasing to God. You might say, “I think I’m fairly consistent in my walk.” But we may progress spiritually and **abound more and more** in this way of living pleasing to God.

V. 3 tells us that a holy life is the **will of God**. In vs. 4 and 5 we

are admonished not to live and conduct our lives like the ungodly. To do so, you are despising God who hath given us His Holy Spirit as our guide (Vs. 6-8).

V. 9 says, we are taught of God to love one another. We say, we love all the saints, but we are to **increase more and more** in our love to all the brethren.

Vs. 11 and 12 tells us, to study to be quiet and work with your hands. Walking honestly toward even those who are unsaved, that they may see your consistent walk and manner of living.

James 3:13 says, if we live a life that is consistent we are **wise** and possess understanding. Our manner of life will be full of good words of faith and we will be **attractive**, having a meek spirit.

Read II Pet. 3:9-14, these things we know, so let us be diligent and look for the Lord. The consistent life of the believer testifies that he does **believe** the Lord is coming and desires to be ready without blame.

Four citations from Colossians lead us into this desired consistency. Col. 3:1 – constantly seek those things above, be ambitious for the things of the Lord. **Go after them**, lay claim to them for ourselves, that they become our way of living (a part of us).

Col. 3:2 – constantly setting our affections on things above. If our chief affection is on anything here, it is going to pass away. But we have an enduring substance, **better** in heaven.

Col. 3:17 – be constantly giving thanks. We can do this as we grow, for God does know what is best for you and I. We think we know but we don't. For we would think anything that hurts us is not good. Surely it is God's will to remove this thing so we won't have to suffer it any longer. Then we can give thanks. **NO**, "in

everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” I Thess. 5:18.

Col. 4:2 – continue in prayer, in other words constant attention to prayer and watchfulness in the same with thanksgiving. You might say, “We can’t do these things constantly.” But we can be in an **attitude** of prayer and thanksgiving.

Let’s be consistent (regular), it’s important. May it be a desire of ours to be so. The flesh is not consistent; but as we seek those things above and set our affections on them, learning to give thanks in all things, neglect not prayer and look for His soon coming – our manner of life will be more consistent instead of inconsistent. For **the life of Christ is consistent**.

By Earlene Davis



*I met Him at evening when work was done,
And I told Him the things I had lost and won;
We talked of those things I had won and lost,
And He stilled a soul that was tempest-tossed;*

*I met Him in the morning’s light,
Gone were the shadows and burdens of night;
As strongly He sent me out of that place,
Where I met the Master face to face.*

*Evening and morning are not enough;
The day is long, and the road is rough;
That’s how I learned at the noon of the day
To lift mine eyes and steal away,
At least in thought, to some quiet place,
Where I sit with the Master face to face!*

Seek and Find

Find the underlined words – Heb. 10:23-25

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without waver-
ing; (for he is faithful that promised;))

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and
to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as
the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much
the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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