

YOU NEVER MENTIONED HIM TO ME!

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: Col. 3:16.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Tonight, we want to examine a song that we sometimes sing.
2. This song is interesting because it paints a picture of us before the judgment seat of God. Just imagine if this should happen.

C. This song is designed to remind us of the work assigned to every Christian.

I. VS. 1 – A REMINDER OF JUDGMENT.

A. When in the better land before the bar we stand. A description of judgment.

1. The idea of the bar is standing before a judge who is about to pronounce ruling.
2. The coming judgment is very real (Act. 17:31).
 - 1) It will be a great day – a bright day for some – and a sad day for others.
 - 2) We will ALL stand before the judgment seat (2 Cor 5:10).

B. How deeply grieved our souls may be.

1. It ought to grieve us that souls will be lost.
2. It is a foregone conclusion that most will reject the truth (Matt. 20:16; 22:14).
3. But not all will be lost. There are honest souls that are searching for the truth.
 - 1) Our task is to seek lost souls.
 - 2) Do we see the urgency in reaching them (2 Cor. 5:11; Col. 1:28-29).

C. If any lost one there should cry in deep despair, ‘You never mentioned Him to me.’

1. How sad it would be if we neglected the opportunity to teach someone.
2. Paul took the Great Commission to heart (Acts 20:26-27).

II. VS. 2 – LET US SPREAD THE WORD.

A. O let us spread the word wherever it may be heard

1. We are commanded to seek the lost. It is our responsibility.
2. Mark 16:15, “the great commission” applies to all of us (2 Tim. 2:2).

B. Help groping souls the light to see.

1. There are many in this world who are living their lives desperately searching for answers to their problems. They are groping souls.
 - 1) The word groping means moving clumsily or stumbling.
 - 2) We grope when immersed in darkness.
2. That light, of course, is the gospel of Jesus (John 8:12).
3. We need to help them see the light.
 - 1) By being a proper example (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16).
 - 2) We are to walk in the light (1 John 1:7).
 - 3) Look for opportunities (Gal. 6:10; John 4:36).

C. That yonder none may say, ‘You showed me not the way. You never mentioned Him to me.’

III. VS. 3 – DEALS WITH HOW TO DO IT.

A. A few sweet words may guide a lost one to His side.

1. *What* we teach is important (2 Tim. 2:2).
2. *How* we say things is really important (Col. 4:6; Prov. 25:11-12).

B. Or turn sad eyes to Calvary.

1. Never forget that salvation is made possible by the cross of Christ.
2. Only His blood can cleanse us!

C. So, work as days go by.

1. The journey to judgment is quickly approaching (**John 9:4; James 4:14**).
2. We must not let time overtake us!

D. That yonder none may cry, ‘You never mentioned Him to me.’

IV. THE CHORUS REMINDS US THROUGHOUT THE SONG THAT WE MUST LET OTHERS KNOW THE WAY TO SALVATION.

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. How sad to imagine that anyone could say, “You never mention Him to me.”**
- B. Friends we better contemplate seriously the fires of hell! Not just for our own sake, but also for the sake of others!**
- C. We are here today because someone cared enough to tell us the good news of the gospel. Will we return the favor? Do we, like Paul, consider ourselves “debtor” (**Rom. 1:14**)?**
- D. Here is a closing thought: Imagine you or I standing before God and giving account for our lives only to hear Him say, “You never mentioned Me to the lost!”**