

THE CHRISTIAN'S DAY

8/13/2023 AM

DISCUSSION:

A. Read the text: Colossians 4:2-6.

B. Regarding the text:

1. God created the 24-hour days (**Gen. 1:5, 14**).
2. What is our daily goal? Note **Phil. 1:21**.
3. We will notice three phases of each day.

I. AT THE START OF THE DAY.

A. When we wake to our day, we should open our eyes with gratitude and express that in prayer to God.

1. We are alive. We can serve in His kingdom. We will have challenges to face. We will have blessings to reap.
2. **Psalm 5:3.**

B. We should rise with a positive attitude about the day.

1. Three verses:
 - 1) **Psalm 118:24.**
 - 2) **Philippians 4:4.**
 - 3) **Philippians 4:13.**
2. Our attitude can make a big difference in the day.
3. Start the day with a positive attitude (**Rom. 8:28**).

II. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.

A. Those around us need to see our CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE.

1. Those around will know that we call ourselves Christians and that we attend the Rendon church of Christ.
2. Those who come into contact with us need to see Christ living in us.
3. Paul's words should become our words (**1 Cor. 11:1**).

B. Commit to DOING YOUR BEST in everything assigned to you.

1. Two passages: **Ecclesiastes 9:10; Col. 3:23.**
2. Some thoughts about doing our best.
 - 1) When we do things right the first time, we do not have to do them over.
 - 2) Going the "extra mile" is a powerful trait of the saints.
 - 3) That attitude will aid our faithfulness to the Lord.
3. Obedience is not a chore when we seek to do our best for the Lord (**Luke 17:10; Acts 20:24**).

C. Show KINDNESS to others.

1. **Ephesians 4:32.**
2. The definition of kindness: Gracious, mindful, pleasant (as opposed to harsh).
3. True kindness never stops. Even in the face of unkindness.

D. Resist TEMPTATION that comes our way.

1. When we are in our daily lives, we are functioning within an evil world (1 John 5:19 "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.")
2. Our responsibility is to fight the temptations.
 - 1) We must abhor that which is evil (**Rom. 12:9**).
 - 2) We must flee youthful lusts (**2 Tim. 2:22**).
 - 3) We must not make provision for the flesh (**Rom. 13:14**).

- 4) We must watch our companions (**1 Cor. 15:33**).
- 5) We must look for God's way of escape (**1 Cor. 10:13**).
- 6) We must put on the Christian graces (**2 Pet. 1:5-11**).
- 7) We must put on the whole armor of God (**Eph. 6:10-19**).
3. We must face our problems, challenges, difficulties, and sufferings with faith, optimism, courage, and endurance.
 - 1) **James 1:2-4 Read.**
 - 2) **James 5:11; Job 1:20-22.**

E. Seek opportunities to SHARE THE GOSPEL with others.

1. Paul spread the gospel while chained between Roman guards (**Phil. 1:12-13**).
2. There are many ways to accomplish this. You can choose which is best for you.

III. THE END OF THE DAY.

- A. When we come home, we need to try to leave as many of our problems at the door as we possibly can.**
- B. Make time for family.**
- C. Close our day with prayer (Psalm 55:17; Rom. 12:12).**
- D. Reflect on the past day.**

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. At the end of the day, we need to be able to lay our heads on our pillows with no regrets, no worries, and no sins.**
- B. When we close our eyes in sleep, we should begin preparing for the following day. What are my plans for tomorrow?**
 1. But realize that we are not promised tomorrow (**James 4:4**).
 2. Anticipate the Lord's return.