

Pastor's Blog No. 23 for Monday, June 3, 2024

Too Much to Say

The problem with this week's blog post is that I have too much to say. I spent most of the morning thinking about what would be the best portion of it to post. But when I got to thinking about it, I thought that it would not go well either way. One, I'd write something way too long to read in a few minutes. Or, two, I'd not get my point across by trying to be brief.

So I have resolved today that I'm not going to change the world in one posting, nor am I going to fail to post something. Then, I remembered my original purpose for a weekly blog in the first place –to simply let you know how I am feeling. With that, I resolved to be very brief and simply say my mind and heart are overloaded. What I really need to do is sit down before the Lord and offload all of this until I find my peace again.

A Little Too Excited

Sometimes when we get a little excited (at least for me) we start to think of all the possibilities. Your mind races into the future and tries to bring it into the present. That's when you realize the cares and plans of tomorrow are crowding out the peace and pace of today. There's no way that all my thoughts, ideas, plans, and visions are all going to converge by the end of this day anyway. Therefore I need to confess that well-worn verse once again:

"⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, "⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

1st Peter 5:6, 7 (NKJV)

In Due Time

Yes, it's humbling, but the focus of these two verses has to be "*in due time.*" It's like a kid that is thinking about all the things he wants to do at the playground and he gets so worked up he can't enjoy it. We do the same thing when we think and plan too much, instead of just focusing on what we can do today.

The reality I faced this morning is I wanted to share so many things I ran the risk of putting it off and not sharing anything. I'm odd that way. It's hard to get us to understand the concept of "due time" in such a "do it now" world. There is a "pace to grace" as Pastor Larry Stockstill states. I've never been good at that. I just work until I give out. However, it doesn't profit me any more than if I just limited myself and kept in step with the Master and let him guide me to rest and peace.

Possibility Thinking

I guess I am too led by the possibilities, rather than the necessities of today. There are many things we get involved in that do not even apply to what we need for today. Jesus told us to "*take no*

thought for tomorrow,” but that does not mean try to fit everything into today. (Matthew 6:34)

That being said, I will call this blog done, I’ll call this day done, and I’ll put everything else on a list for some other day. (Yes, that list is quite long.)

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:25 (NIV)

Until next Monday, may the Lord bless you! Pray for us!

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