

Procrastination

Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Many times members of the body of Christ fail to realize the importance of now and seem to put things off, procrastinate, if you will. Paul emphasized the importance of the "do it now" plan, "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Also, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). It is very easy to put things off. People have been known to put health care issues aside. Putting off seeing a medical professional can be done for many reasons. Sometimes it is out of fear. Some are afraid to see the doctor for fear of finding out they have some devastating disease. The truth of the matter is, if the disease is there, not seeing a doctor will not make it go away. The sooner the proper diagnosis is made, the sooner a cure can be sought. Some times the procrastination in health concerns is based on a notion that if you just ignore it, it will take care of itself. Perhaps there is truth in that approach. Neglect will, in most cases, take care of problems. Neglect a serious health problem long enough and there may not be a need to see a doctor; the undertaker can handle the situation just fine.

Procrastination can be a group problem or an individual matter. Sometimes congregations are prone to wait until conditions are at a near perfect state before any actions are taken. In the realm of evangelism, we sometimes think we must wait until we have near perfect knowledge of the scriptures before attempting to take the gospel across town or to our neighbors. Jesus said, "...the time is right". Could the time be right for us to tell a friend or neighbor about the church? Or extend an invitation to attend our worship services? The field may be white unto harvest. An individual may be waiting for you to mention the Bible to them. Many times procrastination keeps a congregation from growing numerically.

There are times the present facilities are outgrown. We are experiencing this dilemma now at Bowdon. We need more seats. Some plans are being put forth to solve the problem. We need to rearrange the pews and put some more chairs in the auditorium. We can add approximately 50 seats this way. When this is done, the looks of the auditorium will change. We need to keep in mind that our business is not about how things look, but teaching God's Word to as many as we possibly can. Hopefully we will begin working on this project very soon.

The door knocking campaign will soon be a reality. Be making plans to be involved in this work. There is something for everyone to do. We need people to knock on doors Friday and Saturday. The group from East Ridge needs to be fed, so we will need some meals prepared. Everyone can contribute to the success of this work. The time is right for the gospel to be taken to our community.

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