A Thorn In The Flesh

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INTRODUCTION

- Two simple words, follow me. Jesus didn't write paragraphs about what he wanted.
- We need to fit into what Jesus tells us and wants us to do, not for Jesus to fit into our lives.
- Being a Christian has never been a Sunday thing. It's an everyday commitment that you and I make to the Lord.

1 One of These Days I Will Go to Church

Acts 20:28; Matthew 6:24; Proverbs 3:6

- Therefore, take heed of yourselves to all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.
- Not forsaking the assembly or the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the day approaching.
- Every time you and I get together, we need to be excited about it, happy about it.
- No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.
- In everything you and I do, acknowledge God. Put him first. Let him be the master decision maker.

2 God Expects His People to Work

John 15:2; Colossians 1:10; Colossians 3:23–25

- God expects every one of us to be doing something, everyone to be talking about Jesus at every opportunity that we have.
- Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he takes away, and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- Every home has a Bible, but if you're not going to open it and study it, how are you going to get the knowledge and understanding of what to do?
- Whatever you do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.
- We're either going to serve him according to his will, as Christ instructs us, or not.

3 One of These Days I Will Be More Faithful

Matthew 6:33; 2 Peter 2:20–22

- When I'm done with this, when I'm done with that, I'll become more faithful.
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- Look at yourself in your eyes and say, Can I do better for God?
- You and I can always do better for the Lord.

- A dog returns to his own vomit, and a sow having washed to her wallowing in the mire.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And finally, what if I'm the person that says one of these days?**

MY NOTES