Committment To The Work

Jim Capps · John 10:11–15

INTRODUCTION

- Each day I'll do a golden deed by helping those who are in need.
- The only life that will endure is one that's kind and good and pure.

1 The Good Shepherd and Paul's Example

John 10:11–15

- I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.
- For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
- Christ the Good Shepherd laid his life down for us. And Paul comes along and continues the example by living his life for Christ.
- If we live our life for Christ, then our life would be well spent, and to die is gained.

2 A Lot of Frustration in the World Today

- They found that the reason that the doctors gave there was so many suicides in their profession was frustration.
- But there's a lot of frustration in the world today. It isn't just confined to doctors.
- Everything in this world is constantly changing. Isn't there any stability in anything?

3 The Word of God Does Not Change

- There is one thing that does have stability that doesn't change. It's the same now as it was in the very beginning, and that is the word of God.
- And that's where we get our stability, and that's where we can get our peace.

4 Are We an Everyday Christian or a Sunday Christian?

- We stay in Christ by working for Christ constantly.
- Are we an everyday Christian or are we a Sunday Christian?
- But when they leave, they leave everything with them. They don't continue outside the building of carrying forth the commands of Christ.
- While the convert or the everyday Christian, he is working for Christ every day.

5 How Do We Work for Christ?

- Most of us would find that we come up a little short.
- Have you asked the elders recently if there's anything that you can do? These are all things that we can do, and do on a daily basis.

- How often am I supposed to do this? The Lord would say, all you can. How long am I supposed to do this? The Lord would say, as long as you can.
- We have to determine whether we have done all that we can do, and whether we have done enough that Christ would be pleased with our efforts.
- Suppose that we had to face Christ right now. Are we prepared to do it?

6 Why Don't Some People Become Baptized?

- You take baptism. Why don't some people become baptized? So they can actually start living for Christ.
- It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter to us, it doesn't matter to Christ.
- So when is your time going to come? No one knows. And if you're playing those kind of averages, you're playing Russian roulette.
- For the most part, we're unprepared spiritually. And that's the most important of all.
- But the number one priority needs to be saving our souls and joining Christ in heaven after a while.
- We have a responsibility to be baptized into Christ and to follow Christ and live the Christian life.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're with us this morning and you haven't been baptized, we urge you, we beg you to come forth this morning and be baptized.**

MY NOTES