Intentional Godliness

Ken Chapman · 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

INTRODUCTION

- No one is going to appear before the judgment seat of Christ and hear those words, well done, thou good and faithful servant. Just because they tripped and fell across the goal line.
- That godliness must be intentional. It must be a choice that you make, an intentional decision and choice that you undertake.
- His physical decline was not automatic, and his spiritual incline wasn't automatic.

1 Decide: A Definitive Choice Must Be Made

Acts 26:9–19; 2 Corinthians 4:17

- Decide. Not going to be accidental. Decision, a choice, a definitive choice must be made.
- Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.
- Saul made a big choice. The decision to change. The decision to once and for all properly pursue godliness.
- You're going to have to see the light and make the big choice that I will follow Jesus. And then every day, you're going to make smaller choices that align with that bigger choice.
- For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us. A more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.
- Always remember you are not a body that possesses a soul. But you are a soul made in the image of God that temporarily resides in this physical body.

2 Once We Make That Choice, We Must Strive

Hebrews 5:11–6:1; Philippians 1:27

- Now, once we make that choice, we must now strive. The spiritual renewal indeed is not automatic.
- I'm not going to just lazily go through life and accidentally fall on the prize.
- Therefore, leaving the discussion of elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection. Isn't that another way of saying strive?
- It's time to take off our mask, our spiritual mask, and to be who God wants us to be. And to do all to stand.
- Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, that you stand fast in the faith with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you make the decision this morning to obey the gospel? To do what the Apostle Paul did. Make that big choice and then every day support that by other choices in your life. Or maybe you need to start again.

MY NOTES