Six Strange Things About People

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INTRODUCTION

- The strangest of all creatures on the earth, people.
- Some of the strange things we do are against our own best interest. And that's what makes them strange.

1 Strange Regarding Youth and Old Age

1 Samuel 17:28–42; Ecclesiastes 7:10; Psalm 90:10–12

- We grow impatient with being young, and we are in a rush to grow older. And then when we get older, we long to be young again.
- We always think that the best part of life is somewhere else, somewhere else different than where we are right now.
- It's not one's age that gains respect, but it's one's conduct.
- Whether we're young or old, we ought to count every day as a blessing from God and use our days wisely.

2 Strange Regarding Health and Money

Luke 12:13–21; Matthew 6:33

- There are many people who lose their health in order to gain money, and then we lose our money to try to regain our health.
- Take heed, beware of covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things that he possesses.
- Folks, the only things that last are spiritual things.
- Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. It's a matter of our priorities in life.

3 Strange Regarding the Present and the Future

Matthew 6:25–34

- We neglect the present because we worry so much about the future, and as a result, we live neither for the present or the future.
- These things need to be done only one day at a time.
- Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.
- If you don't do what you're supposed to do today, that's when you're going to be in trouble tomorrow.

4 Strange Regarding Wounds and Healings

Proverbs 12:18; Proverbs 29:20; Proverbs 30:14

- It takes only seconds to open profound wounds in those that we love. And then we expect those wounds to heal as quickly as we make them.
- Even if we wounded another person by our words and we've been forgiven, don't be surprised that there's not a very sensitive spot where the wound was.
- There is one that speaks like the piercings of a sword.
- Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There's more hope for a fool than for him.

5 Strange Regarding Honor and Dishonor

1 Peter 2:21

- We want others to think that we're honorable people. To achieve that, we compare ourselves to dishonorable people.
- We don't pick other people who are better than us to compare ourselves to.
- If you want to be honorable, and if you want other people to think you're honorable, then compare yourself to honorable people, imitate their character.
- He left us an example that we should follow in his steps. He becomes our role model, the one we emulate.

6 Strange Regarding Living and Dying

Philippians 3:7–11

- As human beings, we live as though we will never die. And then we die as if we had never lived.
- We are a death-denying culture. We don't even like to talk about death.
- What do we do when death is in sight? We fight it and we fight it with our last ounce of strength, as though we've got something in life that we must yet do.
- Paul was thinking beyond this life, and that's what you need to do. You need to think beyond this life and prepare for that eventuality.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you living your life for the Lord? Are you living your life for God? Are you seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness? If not, why not?

MY NOTES