

“Things We Are to Do”

Eccl. 12:1-14

Introduction

- I. Life is filled with decisions and responsibilities.
- II. Many of the things we think are important are simply temporary and trivial.
- III. What are some things that we must do that are truly important?

Discussion

- I. We are to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - A. To exalt means “to raise,” “to lift up,” “to elevate”
 - B. The Father has already exalted Jesus, and so should we (Phil. 2:5-11; Acts 2:33; cf. Matt. 23:12).
 - C. Jesus is not to be a part of our lives, but rather He is our lives (Col. 3:1-4; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:15).
- II. We are to preach the Word.
 - A. Every Christian has the responsibility not only to obey the Word, but also teach it to others (Mark 16:15-16; 2 Tim. 4:1-5).
 - B. The Word of God, the Bible, is the standard which God gave for man (Psm. 119:105; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Prov. 4:20-22).
- III. We are to seek those who are lost.
 - A. Jesus came to Earth for this very reason (Luke 19:10).
 - B. We must be willing to do the work required to find the lost (Luke 15:3-7).
 - C. We must realize that there are two categories of the lost.
 1. Those who have never obeyed the Gospel (2 Thess. 1:7-10).
 2. Those who have fallen away from the Lord (James 5:19-20).
 - D. This leads to the growth of the church of Christ (Acts 2:41).
- IV. We are to promote and demonstrate brotherly love.
 - A. Love of the brethren is an absolute that must be found in the life of a Christian (John 13:34-35; Heb. 10:24; 13:1).
 - B. Loving one another is a indicator of spiritual maturity (Gal. 5:13; Col. 3:14; 1 Pet. 4:18; 1 John 4:10-21).
- V. We are to prepare for the return of the Lord.
 - A. It is not a matter of if, but rather when (1 Thess. 5:1-6; 2 Pet. 3:8-12).
 - B. Now is the time to make preparations (Matt. 25:1-13).

Conclusion

- I. May we make sure that we do not get so busy with life that we forget that there are things that we are to do.
- II. We will not regret the work that we did here, once we get There.