

“Things Not to Do”

Exo. 20:1-7

Introduction

- I. Throughout the Word of God, we find that God has commanded both positively (“Thou shalt”) and negatively (“Thou shalt not”).
- II. For the sake of this sermon, we will examine certain things that God does not want us to do.

Discussion

- I. We are not to become lazy (Rev. 3:14-22).
 - A. There are several times that God has made it clear that His people are not to be lazy (Prov. 6:6; 18:19; 20:4; 24:30-34; 26:13-16; 2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8).
 - B. Too many times, it is the few who do the work when others should as well.
- II. We are not to stop praying (1 Thess. 5:17).
 - A. Jesus indicated the importance to continue to pray (Luke 18:1).
 - B. Paul encouraged prayer (Col. 4:2).
 - C. Peter encouraged prayer (1 Pet. 4:7).
- III. We are not to cease from preaching/teaching the Word of God (Mark 16:15).
 - A. All Christians should be active in evangelism (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 4:2).
 - B. When was the last time that we directly were involved in teaching someone?
 - C. The world lies in wickedness, and they need the “light” to show them the way (Psm. 119:105).
- IV. We are not to be weary in well doing (Gal. 6:9-10).
 - A. We must keep our focus on what is important (2 Tim. 4:6-8).
 - B. By not being weary, we become more like God (Isa. 40:28-30).
- V. We are not to quit (Heb. 12:1-2).
 - A. Keep “pressing toward the mark” (Phil. 3:13-15).
 - B. Learn to be content (Phil. 4:11-13).
 - C. Know the results if you quit (2 Pet. 2:20-22; Heb. 3:12-4:1).

Conclusion

- I. Whether it is a “thou shalt” or a “thou shalt not,” we must do as God prescribes.
- II. If we are failing in any of what God expects from us, then we should repent now and get back to living as He wants.