

Directory Addition

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Perseverance...

“One of the most common causes of failure is the habit of quitting when one is overtaken by temporary defeat.”

- Napoleon Hill -

“It doesn’t matter if you try and try and try again, and fail. It does matter if you try and fail, and fail to try again.”

- Charles Kettering -

April Birthdays

1 Daniel McKnight	11 Dolly Cashion	23 Shannon Hudson
3 Amanda Hoffman	16 Alana Hudson	26 Stori Rose Hoffman
6 Susan Hudson	17 Belva Meanor	

April Anniversaries

19 Bill & Kena Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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“The Christian Life”

I Never Seem to Get Caught Up

By Allen Webster

Do you ever have days were you just can't seem to get caught up? For many of us, everyday is like that! We live in a busy world that seems to get busier by the year.

The Christian life is like that in some ways. Oh, there are some things that we complete. We are only baptized once (if we did it right, cf. Acts 19:1-6). We only get married once (unless there is death or unfaithfulness, Romans 7:1-4; Matthew 19:9). But most other Christian duties continue. We never reach a point with them where we can say, "There, I've finished with that. I'll move on to something else." What are some of these things?

STUDYING. The Psalmist said, *"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night"* (Psalm 1:2). The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). God promised to bless *"the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors"* (Proverbs 8:34). The best way to start (maintain) this good habit is to read the Bible at the same time, in the same place, and according to some pattern. Good habits can be hard to break, too. The aging and imprisoned Paul wanted Timothy to bring his books and parchments (2 Timothy 4:13). He still had some studying to do - and so do we.

SHINING. We don't get to take any days off from setting a good example from others, no cuts for God's students, no vacation days for God's workers. Jesus said, *"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:14-16). This is true on days that we feel

well - and days we don't. This is true when things go our way - and when they don't. This is the case when we are around our friends - and when we are around total strangers. This is important for Sunday - but also for Saturday night. This is true for the preacher and shepherds - but also for the hearers and the flock.

SERVING. The Bible says, "*but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve*" (Luke 22:26) and by love serve one another (Galatians 5:13). We never reach the point where we are to be served rather than to serve. For an observant Christian, there are constant little acts of service that we can render those around us. It may be something as small as getting a spouse or co-worker a cup of coffee or water. It might be helping them carry something heavy out to their car. It could be running an errand, assisting on a project, doing an unpleasant task for them, or picking up the check at lunch (especially if you know they may be in the last-week-of-the-month-pinch). Our families - especially our children - give us ample opportunities for service. A listening ear, a pitching arm, a look at me daddy eye, a lifting hand, a willing foot, a soft hug, a firm swat, a second helping, a fourth strike, a fifth stanza of a favorite song, a hundredth push on the swing, a thousandth answer to a why question.

SUPPLICATION. Since we are to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17), prayer is a duty that is never finished. We ought always to pray and not to faint (Luke 18:1). David prayed evening, morning, and noon (Psalm 55:17); Daniel opened his window, kneeled "*three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God*" (Daniel 6:10). Jesus prayed all night (Luke 6:12). If these great men needed this much prayer, we do, too.

Gotta go, got some work to catch up on!

Don't Give Up By Clarence DeLoach

Babe Ruth struck out 1333 times. But we remember him for his 714 home runs. Cy Young won 511 games. But the number he lost is forgotten.

Abraham Lincoln was badly beaten when he ran for the legislature. He failed in business and spent seventeen years paying out of debt. He failed to get an appointment to the U.S. Land Office. He was

defeated in his race for the Senate, and in his effort to be vice-president. Again Lincoln was defeated by Douglas. But he eventually became the president of the United States.

Many believe for a while but '*in time of temptation fall away*' (Luke 8:13). Like Israel we have a tendency to forget God (Jeremiah 2:32). In most communities, there are those who once were more faithful than they are now. They do not attend Bible classes, night services, or other meetings as they once did. They have ceased to participate in church activities. Their light has gone out. They have virtually quit.

Everyday religion is the antidote to failure. Practice these safeguards:

- Every day let God say something to us. Keep the line of communication open between us and God by reading His Word.
- Every day say something to God. Stay in contact with the source of strength by prayer. We cannot walk alone. Prayer avails.
- Every day say something for God. Share the good news. Tell a friend. Speak a kind word.
- Every day do something for God. Look for opportunities to serve. Opportunities are abundant; only a blind man could not see them. Give a helping hand. Encourage the downtrodden. Exhort the wayward. Comfort the sorrowful. Support the weak.

My dear brethren, let's be doers...not quitters!

Sunshine and Rain

*God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God that promised strength for each day,
Rest for the laborer, light on the way;
Grace for the trial, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

"I am with you always..."

Matthew 28:20