

John 10:10 ".,...I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly".

#### THINGS WE NEED TO HELP US LIVE BETTER

 We are busy writing a history of our lives, by the minute, hour, day, week, month, and year.

 At the end of each year we close another chapter and at the end of life we will close the book.

 This book will be opened again at the judgment. Revelation 20:11-15.

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- We should strive to make each chapter of our lives the very best possible.
- · And we can, if we let God guide us.
- We need, therefore, to study this subject concerning things we need to help us live better lives before God and man.

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 We need to be warned of pitfalls and problems that might arise. Ezekiel 3: 16-21; 34:1-10. The watchman is to warn people about their sins.

#### A REALIZATION OF THE VALUE OF THE SOUL

- Only he who realizes the value of his soul is prepared to live the life God wants him to live in the very best way.
  - Do you know the value of your soul?
     Matthew 16:26.
    - Do you know why it is so valuable?

### A REALIZATION OF THE VALUE OF THE SOUL

- It is from God -- made in His image. Genesis
   1:26,27.
  - It is the only part of us that is eternal.

    Mathew 10:28.
  - Realizing the value of the soul, one should want to take the very best care of it that is possible.
- It is unique in that it is the only one that you have or ever will have.

#### A CONSCIOUSNESS OF JUDGMENT

 God has appointed a day of judgment. Hebrews 9:27; Acts 17:31.

All will be there. There will be no escape for anyone for any reason.
 Romans 14:10-12.



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One will be judged according to his own works or life.
2 Corinthians 5:10;

Revelation 20:12,13; Romans 2:1-11.

 A consciousness of these facts should help us to live better.

 Are you ready for that day to come?



#### AN AWARENESS OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE

 Life is very short at the most in view of eternity. Job. 14:1; James 4:13,14.

 We know not when the end will be. Mark 13:33-37.

 We need to live every day as though it were our last day, for one day, it will be.



### A KNOWLEDGE OF ONE OF TWO DESTINIES

- Both are the same length in duration -eternal.
- One is a place of torment -- no experience of man can compare with it.
- The other is a place of happiness and joy -everything that God can give to make man
  happy will be there -- everything that will
  make one sad will be absent.
  Luke 16:19-31.

## A KNOWLEDGE OF ONE OF TWO DESTINIES

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

John 14:1-3; Matthew 25: 31-46; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

 Hell is prepared for the Devil and his angels. All that serve him are his angels or messengers.

Matthew 25:41.

### SEEKING A GREATER DEGREE OF FAITH

- Peter began to sink into the water because of the lack of faith.
   Matthew 14: 28-31.
- Unbelief causes one to depart from God. Hebrews 3:12.
- We should call upon the Lord to help us increase our faith.
  Romans 10:17; Luke 17:5.
- We need to lay aside every sin and the weight that doth so easily besets us. Hebrews 12:1,2.



#### AWARE OF BEING AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS

 We are an example -- no one lives or dies unto himself alone.

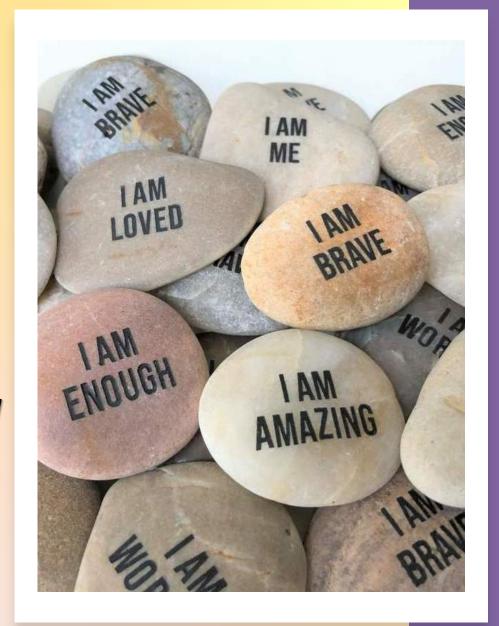
Matthew 5:13- 16; Romans 14:7; 1 Corinthians 11:1.

- Someone is always following in our footsteps.
- Timothy was told to be an example to the believers.
   1 Timothy 4:12.
- A Christian is Christianity on display before the world and therefore should magnify Christ in his life.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3; Philippians 1:20.

#### OFFERING ENCOURAGING WORDS OF DOING RIGHT

- Nothing helps us to improve like encouragement, all of us need it.
- We usually speak of good things about a person after they are dead.
- We should not resort to flattery -- but give honor where honor is due.



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- If you want to help someone live better, speak an encouraging word concerning the things he/she has done right.
- A continuous downgrading of one will finally break his spirit.



#### **CONCLUSION:**

- No better or more profitable life can be lived than that of a faithful Christian.
- · Are you a Christian?
- Do not these things cause you to realize you should be?
- As a Christian, do they not make you want to live more humble and consecrated lives?
- Time to get started.