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From the Pastor's Study

"So my dear brothers, continue to be firm, incapable of being moved, always letting the cup run over in the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the service of the Lord is never thrown away." I Cor. 15:58.

Are you serving the Lord faithfully each week? The time of work for the Lord is now!

A good illustration of this truth found on the sports page last week. It was the story of Larry Russell, Quarterback at Wake Forest University. He was super in the win over Virginia Tech. A tragic thing had happened the week before. His girl friend, Martha Hill, was killed in an automobile accident.

From the tragedy, Larry emerged with a more serious philosophy on life.

"If you're going to do something, you'd better do it today. Tomorrow might never come", he told his Wake Forest coach.

The words of this 20 year old young man truly hit home. Work for Christ must be done today, you have no hope of tomorrow. If you are ever going to serve Christ, the time to begin is now.

The promise in the Scripture is — "Your labor in the service of the Lord is never thrown away".



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Spiritual Resistance is very much in evidence. Sinners and Saints are alike in this game. Perhaps I should qualify that statement, Sinners and Backsliders, because True Saints enjoy spiritual things.

In a radio there are small resistors and they serve a worthy purpose. However, it is tragic when Christians refuse to receive spiritual things offered through the Grace of God.

In 1797 Charles Newbold of New Jersey placed on the market an iron plow. It was expected that farmers would receive the plow with joy. However, it was the reverse. They would have nothing to do with it for fear the iron would poison the soil.

We are so slow to catch on to the key of righteousness.

What is the passion in your life? Earthly minded or Heavenly minded? It is just as simple as that.

What is it that occupies most of your time, energy, and passion? Is it the things of this earth?

Some of you have been resisting spiritual things. Such as daily private Devotions and weekly public worship and Bible study. Turn your eyes upon Jesus. No man can serve two masters. One half of your heart is not enough. Christ demands all you have. Resist no longer the deep things of God. A committed Christian is full of happiness and willingly received the things of God.



Nov 20, 70  
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"This town died today" was the cry of a nurse at Huntington, W. Va. hospital.

A news reporter described the situation as "a university and a city are on knees in tears."

These plus other heart breaking expressions were descriptive of the crisis following a jet crash which claimed the lives of 75 people. The entire football team of Marshall University died in the accident. In addition to the players, and coaching staff, were three prominent physicians and their wives, a newly elected state legislator who also was one of Huntington's wealthiest men, a city councilman, an industrialist and the sports director of a local television station.

The school of 8,500 and a city of 73,000 went into mourning. Some students had to be treated for shock.

The disaster according to FFA officials was the result of the aircraft being lower than it should have been and clipped off the top of some trees before plunging into the hillside. They would have made it to the airport runway if it had not been for those trees.

Just think they were only about two miles short of their destination. All would have been safe in a matter of seconds.

From this sad story we all might profit by reflecting upon the uncertainty of life. A day of pleasure soon turned into a night of gloom.

If you had been traveling on that plane and your life had been taken in the crash — where would you spend eternity?

What is your spiritual condition? Those seventy five people will never have the opportunity to hear a sermon, read the Bible, or confess their sins. The day of preparation has passed.

When someone asked Gypsy Smith how to have a revival, the wise old evangelist answered, "Take a piece of chalk, draw a circle, kneel within it, and pray, 'Lord, send a revival inside this circle'."

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What part will you have in the Revival?

How much do you know about the law of God? In II Corinthians 9:6 Paul says, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully". In Galatians he states it more simply, "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap".

This expresses the fundamental law of God. To produce a harvest a man must plant. This law applies in the moral and spiritual realm also.

Man in every age somehow thinks that he can cheat on God by sowing one thing and reaping another.

Dr. George Truett many years ago preached a sermon entitled, "Why People Go Astray". The outline has a challenge for you.

First, It is because of the want of grace in the heart.

Second, It is because of the lack of a true faith.

Third, It is because of the absence of a vital godliness.

The law of God must be taken into consideration or you will continue on as a backslider.

Revival is a time for a change of direction. Apply God's law and make this a time of sowing in the spirit.

The harvest depends upon the sower. The law that yields wheat will also yield weeds. The outcome of the revival depends upon you! Will you this moment make a commitment of your total self to Jesus Christ.

Decide now to "sow bountifully" — attend every service, and pray for yourself and your own family. There will be no revival without your sowing.

A novel way of saying, "Let the revival begin in me".

You need to keep life's appointment with God. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith". I John 5:4



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