

NEGLECTING GOD

Nehemiah 9:32-35

In Nehemiah's day God's house and His holy things were neglected. His worship day was disregarded along with His word and commandments disobeyed. Today, many who do attend church are half-hearted in attendance, in their worship and in their service. Again today God's truth, His word, His Holy Spirit, and His saving gospel message are neglected by the majority of people.

Neglect Is Forbidden

Luke 9:57-62 When we procrastinate we are really neglecting God and the responsibility we all assume when He saves us. We become His and are suppose to be at His bidding when ever He calls us.

Hebrews 6:10-12 When we slack off from our duty to serve and worship God with all our heart God calls that being slothful and warns us to be diligent and faithful until the end.

Hebrews 5:12-13 When we neglect God's word by not reading and studying we can forget what we have learned in the past because Satan can steal from us. Neglecting God's word leaves us immature.

Galatians 6:10; James 1:27 Neglecting bible study and preaching leads us to ignore the poor and needy of whom God's people are the care takers, We are held accountable for their comfort and care.

I Timothy 4:14 Paul warns us not to neglect the gift of God. When we do neglect the gift of God we suffer the loss of rewards and the church body suffers and is wounded from our lack of discernment.

Reasons For Neglect

Matthew 6:19-21; James 1:8 We become neglectful when our heart is being pulled away from our devotion to Christ and our total loyalty to Him. We all have excuses but bottom line it is neglect.

Ephesians 2:1-2; I Corinthians 2:14 Some members of the church are neglectful because they are spiritually blind and spiritually dead. There are millions of church members that are spiritually lost.

Hosea 4:6 Millions of believers neglect God because of their lack of bible knowledge. This will not be an acceptable reason for our lack of service to Christ at His Judgment Seat.

Amos 8:11-12 The prophecy of Amos has come full circle in our day. There is a famine of preaching the truth in the pulpits across America today. Churches, colleges, and individuals no longer believe the truth of the bible (**II Tim. 3:16**), they seldom preach the saving, living gospel message (**I Cor. 1:18**), and believers and churches seldom have a zeal for people to be saved (**Rom. 10:1**); (**I Cor. 9:22**).

Amos 6:1a; I John 2:14-15; Revelation 3:16-18 In our society today the non-believers, the cults are knocking on doors, attacking Christianity and making millions of converts while believers in Christ are living like the world and giving God a lukewarm relationship when we can find the time.

Matthew 9:36-38; I Corinthians 9:16; Mark 16:15 Jesus message to us was to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel..." So often we say how come visitors are not coming to our church? We are wrong expecting new non-believers to show up at church on their own. We are to go and get them.

II Timothy 3:1-7; 4:3-4 These days are clearly prophesied for us to learn from. It is wrong for us to excuse our lack of prayer, witnessing and worship because it is the last days.

Consequences Of Neglect

Jeremiah 2:32; 18:15-16 Just as God warned Israel of their dispersion He is warning us because of our neglectfulness of His grace and mercy. When God's people turn away from the devotion and love He deserves then He must do what is best for us and that generally means chastisement until we turn back to the one who is our Lord and Master.