

Evening Lesson

ARE WE WASTING OUR TIME?

Effort without Effective Results

Haggai 1:6

INTRO:

1. Illus: Immanuel Linger and twenty-dollar bills.
2. It is possible for people to misappropriate time today.
3. Let's check ourselves to see if we are guilty.

I. PUTTING WORK ABOVE WORSHIP.

- A. The Bible teaches, and Jesus expects us to earn a living.
1 Tim. 5:8
- B. However, we can make choices. Where is my heart?
Matt. 4:10

II. PUTTING PLEASURE ABOVE HIGHER PRIORITIES.

- A. Paul describes this type of person. **1 Tim. 5:6** But **she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.**
- B. In the end, what will really matter?

III. LIVING WITHOUT THE LORD.

- A. This is an unwise investment of opportunity.
- B. God spoke to a man who had made this mistake. **Luke 12:20**

CONC:

1. We only go around once.
2. Let's not be painting twenty-dollar bills when we could be making \$5,000 paintings.
3. Put God first and live life one day at a time. **Matt. 6:33, 34**
4. Said yesterday to tomorrow, "When I was young like you, I too was fond of boasting of all I meant to do. But while I fell a-dreaming along the pleasant way, Before I scarcely knew it, I found I was today! And as today, so quickly my little course was run, I had not time to finish one-half the things begun. Would I could try it over, but I can ne'er go back; A yesterday forever, I now must be, alack. And so, my good tomorrow, if you would make a name That history shall cherish upon its roll of fame, Be all prepared and ready your noblest part to play In those new fleeting hours when you shall be today."