

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

Chalmer has gone to meet his Lord.

He often questioned why the Lord
had allowed him to live long
enough to return to dedicated
service to God.

Among his comments –

Why did the Lord let me live long enough to come back to church? I had been away from the church for many years.

The first time you miss church, it really bothers you, but as you miss it more it bothers you less. Soon you have just forgotten it.

Among his questions –

Where do people have to go on Sundays
that's more important than going to
church?

Why don't these folks come to all the
meetings of the church?

Why don't more people come out to sing
these songs?

1Ki 11:4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

How old do we have to be for this to happen to us?

With Solomon it was his wives, but
what will it take for you to turn
aside from serving your Lord?

My husband (wife)?

1Co 7:33 but one who is married
is concerned about the things of
the world, how he may please his
wife,

Sleep?

How many times do our alarm
clocks keep us from serving the
Lord?

Sleep?

Pro 6:10 "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest"—

Mat 26:45 Then He came to the disciples, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Do you have to work too much to serve Jesus?

Luk 12:17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' (18) "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. (19) 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'" (20) "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' (21) "So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Many years ago we had a fellow here who said he only got Sundays off and he couldn't sleep in any other day.

I have to get my education (a sub-category of too much work).

Ecc 12:12 But beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive devotion to books is wearying to the body.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;

Money is always a problem. It seems there's never enough.

1Ti 6:7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. (8) And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. (9) But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. (10) For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

There are some more subtle ways to turn
from God.

Your children – do you teach them that
church is something special?

Act 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and
for all the flock, among which the Holy
Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd
the church of God which He purchased with
His own blood.

- We teach our children by example
- they learn to walk by watching us
 - they learn to talk by watching us
 - they learn to manage anger by watching us
 - they learn to go to church by watching us
 - they learn how important church is by watching us

Mat 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

1Jn 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to
my feet And a light to my path.

I spoke at a funeral yesterday and I
will speak at another tomorrow.

Death is a warning to the living –
telling us to repent.

Keep your eye on the goal – “this world
is not my home, I’m just a passing
through”

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear
before the judgment seat of Christ, so
that each one may be recompensed for
his deeds in the body, according to
what he has done, whether good or
bad.

Joh 14:6 Jesus *said to him, "I am
the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but
through Me.

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Act 24:25 And as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you."

Felix never became a Christian –
will you wait too long?