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## Perry Hill Road Bulletin

### We Don't Change Until We Have To

“And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you. And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deuteronomy 4:27-29).

HAVE YOU NOTICED IN YOURSELF A PATTERN OF HAVING TO BE PRODDED INTO ACTION? I've certainly seen it in my own life, and frankly, I am ashamed. There have been too many times when I didn't do something that I should have done until something outside of me “put a gun to my head” and MADE me do it.

Just look at how we live. We don't get out of bed until we have to. We don't go to the dentist until we have a toothache. We don't repair our houses until we have to sell them. And we don't do our taxes until the night before. But far worse, we don't dig deeper wells of faith until some crisis invades our lives and we are absolutely dying of thirst. Not everybody does this, to be sure. There are a few wise ones. But most of us have to be prodded by external circumstances before we do what we should toward God.

Thankfully, God is a Father who is willing to provide a “prod” when He sees that His people need one. In the text in Deuteronomy above, God predicted that Israel would not seek Him until He had scattered them among the nations and driven them into the misery of captivity in Babylon. If they had not sought Him before, they would certainly seek Him then. When they got sick and tired of being sick and tired, they would change. *Continued on next page.....*

