

SIX THINGS THAT GOD WILL NOT DO FOR US

The Lord God is "Almighty" (Revelation 4:8). But we must recognize that there are some things that God wants humans to do, and thus, He will not do them for us. Think carefully about some of these things:

God will not study the Scriptures for us. Jesus tells us to search the scriptures (John 5:39). It's up to each of us to open the Bible and study!

God will not hear, believe, and obey the gospel for us. Obeying the gospel from the heart is required in order to be saved (Romans 6:3, 4, 17, 18), but God won't do it for us!

God will not take our place and worship for us. Worship to God must be in spirit and in truth (John 4:24), but each human must do that from the heart. God cannot take our place and do it for us!

God will not take up our cross and faithfully follow Jesus each day. Denying self and taking up our cross daily — that's our duty! (Luke 9:23).

God will not remove iniquity from our heart, tongue, and action for us. The Lord tells us to keep our heart with all diligence (Proverbs 4:23), for that is how we control our speech and conduct. God will not do it for us!

God will not step in to love and be good to others for us. We must love others like we love ourselves (Mark 12:31). Loving our family, friends, neighbors, and all other humans — again, that is not something that God will do in our place!

- Roger D. Campbell,
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Lincoln's Embarrassing Speech

One of Abraham Lincoln's speeches was widely ridiculed by many newspapers of his day. *The Chicago Times* commented, "The cheek of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly, flat, and dishwatery utterances of the man who has to be pointed out to intelligent foreigners as the President of the United States." Concerning the same speech, *The London Times* said, "Anything more dull and commonplace would not be easy to produce."



The speech these newspapers insulted was the one delivered at Gettysburg. It is considered to be one of the greatest speeches of liberty and dignity in our history. In fact, what child hasn't memorized the lines: "Fourscore and seven years ago ...?"

This is one of the many instances where the majority was wrong. It is no different when it comes to our religion. Jesus said that to follow the majority was to follow the path of eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). When it comes to matters of doctrine, church attendance, morality, integrity, and compassion, we must heed God's voice over the voice of the majority (read I Samuel 15:24, 26).

- *The Challenger*, Munday, TX

A Happy Day

A heart full of thankfulness,
A thimbleful of care;
A soul of simple hopefulness,
An early morning prayer.
A smile to greet the morning with;
A kind word as the key
To open the door and greet the day
Whate'er it brings to thee.
A patient trust in Providence,
To sweeten all the way,
All these, combined with thoughtfulness,
Will make a happy day.

- Author Unknown -

"If" and "when" were planted, and "nothing" grew.

News & Notes

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Dan Williams will have surgery in the Cleveland Clinic this coming Friday, Feb. 22nd. Remember him and his family.

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING: Following the evening worship Feb. 24th. All are welcome to participate.

LISBON SING: Sunday, Mar. 2nd, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

CHESTER'S SPRING MEETING: March 16-20 with Eddie Cooper.

PANTRY: Canned vegetables.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER: Richard Hoffer, Rayl's granddaughter's father-in-law. David Malcomson's aunt, Bertha Sprague (89 years old). She has multiple broken bones from a fall and is in UPMC, Pittsburgh. Also, pray for Shirley Thomas (sister of Jean Larrimore and Harry Nice).

REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S: Virginia Rickerd, Cheryl Stackpole.

SICK: Weirton Medical Center: Imogene Nice. Beaver Co. Medical Center (Kindred Hospital): Lloyd Cowdery. AT HOME: Harry Nice, Bette Gentry, Geraldine Barrett, Linda Parkes, Ruth Brewer, Bertha Seman, Dan Williams. Fox Nursing Home: Lloyd Ferrell. Those who have been shut-in or in nursing homes for an extended period of time are posted on the bulletin board.

Christ Has A Job For You

If you are not working in the church because no one has given you a job, wait no longer. Christ has a job for you.

- Feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, help strangers, clothe the naked, visit the sick (Matthew 25:34-40).
- Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).
- Comfort one in trouble (2 Corinthians 1:4).
- Do good, communicate (Hebrews 13:16).
- Warn the unruly (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
- Restore one overtaken (Galatians 6:1).
- Study the Scriptures (John 5:39).
- Teach (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
- Give (Matthew 5:42; 10:42).
- Sing (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19)
- Pray (Matthew 6:9-15)
- Bear fruit (Philippians 1:11; 4:15-17)
- Increase your faith in God (John 6:29).
- Exhort one another daily (Hebrews 3:13).

Christ has already handed out the assignments. Let us strengthen our hands to the task that is before us.

- *Glad Tidings of Good Things*, Jacksonville, AL

"Lord, Send Me"

