

Somebody Is Watching (Eph. 6:5-9)

This reading comes in the context which (was begun in 5:21, “submitting yourselves to one another in the fear of the Lord” In this section Paul encourages servants and masters about their roles. In essence, he says:

Serve even if nobody’s looking. We don’t perform our service just go be seen, but because we have agreed to it. Our agreement is with God. We agreed to serve Him, so we best do it. And not “just to be seen of men,” either. Remember, God has an *all-seeing eye*.

Proper service to men is tantamount to serving God. Verse six, again, please. We don’t do it with mere eye-service, but *doing the will of God from the heart.*” That means when we serve, we are doing His will, not just the will of our employer. And we do it *from the heart*, with a good conscience.

Such service is necessary for the boss, too. “Do the same things to them,” he says. Right is right, if you are the boss or the lowest man on the payroll. True is as true for the boss as for the employee. After all, they have a Master to whom they must give an account; and it isn’t the board of directors, it’s God Almighty.

Man is responsible to God for his actions, no matter his station in life. Even when nobody’s looking. —Dee Bowman

Notes and reminders:

Let us be praying for our Bible study classes and all efforts to learn more of God’s word.

Also, continue prayers for those on our list, for those in authority, and for the free course of the gospel and obedient hearers.

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”
1 John 5:14

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Meeting times of the church

Sunday:

9:00 am Bible classes

10:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible classes

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Hebrew 10:23—25 “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some.” But, exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

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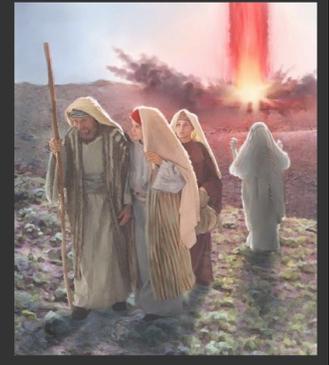
Romans 10:15

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Remember Lot’s Wife

Luke 17:32

Genesis 19:1-26



Salt of the Earth

Jesus referred to this account with a simple statement, “Remember Lot’s wife” (Luke 17:32). Notice that He didn’t have to say, “Remember Lot’s wife, the one who became a pillar of salt.” They knew her story. They may not have known her name, but they knew her lot in life. Still, they continued to turn back from God. In reflecting on this story, Jesus wanted them to remember that:

God does not ask the impossible.
There was nothing difficult about what

He commanded Lot's family. "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you" (vs. 17). That was simple and straightforward, without room for misunderstanding. He didn't require them to do something they were incapable of doing. His commandments do not create burdens, they relieve them.

God does not give partial credit.

Lot's wife almost got it right. She escaped for her life, she left the city, but she looked back and became a pillar of salt. With God, there is no such thing as partial obedience; to obey in part is to disobey. You can't pick and choose parts of His law and discard the rest. Do it all or you have done nothing at all.

God does assess punishment on those who disobey. She became a pillar of salt. This woman became a testimony to all generations of what happens when you disobey the commandments of the Lord. "It is our business to see that we do right. God will see that we come out right" (Donald Barnhouse). In due season. —Bubba Garner

Note: Let's not look back to the disappointments of the past; things lost. Perhaps you might feel you were slighted, hurt, or harmed by the events of life, or even by your brethren. We must remember, the Lord is faithful!. We too must be faithful to Him. **SF**

A Beautiful Life

"Each day I'll do, a golden deed. By helping those, who are in need. My life on earth, is but a span. And so I'll do, the best I can. To be a child, of God each day. My light must shine along the way; I'll sing His praise while ages roll, And strive to help some troubled soul.

While going down, life's weary road. I'll try to lift, some traveler's load. I'll try to turn the night to day, Make flowers bloom along the way.

Life's evening sun, is sinking low; A few more days, and I must go, To meet the deeds, that I have done, Where there will be, no setting sun.

(William M. Golden)

A Golden Deed

(A Beautiful Life)

Romans 16:1-16

In the final chapter of this great epistle, Paul sent some greetings to the members of the church in Rome. They are not the people who would make up the all-star team; for most of them, it's the first and last time they're ever mentioned. But they are mentioned nonetheless. In some way, small only in their own eyes, they contributed to the cause of Christ.

The kingdom of God cannot thrive without those who enter the stage, play their part, and then quietly exit. They go about their work without much fanfare, seeking only the approval of God. They don't feel like they've done much, but they have captured the attention of heav-

en and will have their names mentioned in the Lamb's book of life.

Phoebe, "a helper of many." Paul asks the Christians in Rome to receive her, as she was probably delivering the letter to the church. She had long come to the assistance of her brethren, a servant in the truest sense of the word.

Priscilla and Aquila, who "risked their own necks." The image is that they put their heads on the chopping block, ready to sacrifice their lives for life eternal.

Tryphaena and Tryphosa, "workers in the Lord." You just have to think that these two tried really hard. And what about Persis, "who has worked hard in the Lord," and Rufus, a "choice man in the Lord." Can you think of a better commendation?

They're all heroes in my book. May God increase their tribe.

—Bubba Garner

Note: I wish to express my appreciation to the men and women of our congregation who faithfully serve. God is mindful of your work and labor of love. **SF**