

“...AND NOT TO LEAVE THE OTHER UNDONE” (2)

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When one obeys the gospel and becomes a Christian, a member of God’s family, he receives a spiritual benefit – all spiritual blessings. {*Ephesians 1:3*} This is the beginning of the journey toward his goal – heaven. But this great beginning can be wasted and in vain if you leave **UNDONE** some other things that are of equal importance. Let us **NOT LEAVE UNDONE...**

Faithful living. *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”* {*1 Corinthians 15:58*} We need to give sober attention to living until the very end of the lives we’ve begun in Christ. Jesus told the early disciples to baptize people and then to *“teach them all things whatsoever I have commanded you,”* {*Matthew 28:19,20*}. We are a new creation and we **MUST** live that type of life!

Correct worship. *“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”* {*John 4:23,24*} We must assemble, and when we worship God, we must worship in “spirit and truth.” This not only means worshipping according to the divine pattern, but also with the proper heartfelt attitude. How often? Every time the saints gather, we should want to be there. {*Psalms 122:1*} God’s children need to have a lifetime commitment to remain faithful in their worship – another **MUST!**

Teaching others. *“So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”* {*Acts 18:26*} Christians are spiritual farmers who plant the seed of God’s word in the hearts of others. {*Luke 8:11-15*} *“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”* {*2 Timothy 2:2*} God does not hold us responsible for what the hearers do with the seed, only for seeking opportunities to plant it. Please understand that every child of God **MUST** teach!

Forgiving. *“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* {*Matthew 6:14,15*} Christians are forgiven people. God has graciously forgiven our sins because of the sacrifice of His son’s blood. God now demands that His children extend forgiveness to others who sin against them. How sad to think of losing one’s soul because of failure to forgive others. Please understand – we **MUST** be willing to extend forgiveness for any sin against us!

A faithful finish. *“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”* {*2 Timothy 4:6,7*} We must remember that the race is not over until we cross the finish line. What good does it do to start if we do not finish? Can one win the reward without finishing the race of life? *“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”* {*Philippians 3:13,14*} Absolutely a **MUST!**

While it's vitally important that we do the first things, all of that can be in vain if we leave the other things **undone**. Doing some, but leaving some undone, will keep one out of heaven. In *Matthew 23*, our Lord severely rebuked the Pharisees for this very thing. What about us? ***