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Christianity is not a seasonal activity—it is a lifelong commitment of daily and even moment-by-moment service and sacrifice for our Lord. To be sure, there is great diversity to our spiritual activity. Sometimes we are talking while at others we are listening. At times we work and at times we rest. Sometimes our work is physical while at others it is mental. Whatever the task, we ought to be always all in! The encouragement from the Lord is that nothing we do for God will be done in vain. There is a purpose with reward to those who serve Christ in love for His honor. Don't be half-hearted today in your service for the Saviour. Give Him all you have!

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MONDAY—JULY 24

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1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Paul was humble enough to realize that he was not worthy to be followed 100%. He knew that he had faults and failings. He was up front with the Corinthian people about that. He wanted them to follow him, but to be aware that sometimes he would not be the best example. It would be key for the believers in Corinth to learn what Jesus was like so they could emulate Him in Paul. We may find ourselves being critical of leadership because they don't measure up to Christ. No kidding--neither did Paul! Complete loyalty to human example only leads to frustration. We must learn to follow Christ in those we admire and dismiss their shortcomings.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What does nature teach us regarding the length of men's and women's hair? _____

SATURDAY—JULY 29

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Paul had a great reputation, was very intelligent and had achieved a lot in his life, but he didn't take it for granted. He didn't allow his experiences in life to blow up his ego. He knew that everything good that he had accomplished was by the grace of God and he used that knowledge to motivate him to give all that he had to continue to strive to accomplish more for the Lord. Many think that the idea of grace will cause people to be less active for Christ, but it is the complete opposite. The more aware we are of God's grace at work in our lives, the more we will be compelled to give all that we have. We are not worthy of all the good things God does for us! He is amazing!

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- 10. According to verse 1-4, what is the Gospel? (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

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But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

The importance of good preaching—Edification means “to build up,” exhortation is synonymous with “encouragement,” and well...I think we all know what “comfort means. Oh how we all need good preaching in our lives! This is why it is so important to be in church faithfully. We need to be built up. We need the encouragement. Sometimes we get down, and need the comfort. God has chosen “preaching” as the tool in our day to change lives. As important as our own personal walk with God is through prayer and Bible study, another necessary ingredient in the Christian growth process is hearing the preaching of the Word of God!

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1 CORINTHIANS 11:28, 31

*But let a man examine himself...
31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.*

There is a constant temptation in our lives to be critical of others. I think we subliminally like to find fault with others because it makes us feel better about ourselves. We especially like to judge others in areas that we are strong. We mount up on our high horse and just berate those who struggle in areas that we excel. We exalt our own character in our minds by tearing down the integrity of others. The Bible is clear time and time again that we should be examining our own spiritual lives. If we would make the effort to get and keep ourselves right, we would be much more pleasing in the sight of God. We may even help pull someone else up.

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1 Corinthians 12 talks all about the body of Christ and how God intends for us to work together, using our gifts for His glory and for the building up of one another. The church is an exciting place for many reasons, not the least of which is because of the diversity. If we were all identical in our roles, the church would be quite boring. Thank God for how we all fit together like a puzzle. Sometimes we may not like our part, but we must remember that God has put us together in a way that pleases Him. That's the most important thing—that the Lord is happy with how we are fulfilling our place in HIS body. Find peace and joy in that.

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This chapter is about the importance of having God's love in our lives. Written between two chapters discussing the body of Christ and working together using our gifts, we must understand the application of love. All the talents and giftedness in the world will not create a successful church. It is love that makes our gifts effective. Paul likens the unloving Christian to an immature believer—a child. He was telling the Corinthian believers that is was time to grow up in the faith. That happens when you love. A mature church is a loving church. An effective church is a body of believers who immerse their gifts in God's love in the context of ministering to others.

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