

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 15

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: James 4

☐ MARK IF READ *BONUS* ☐ PROVERBS 15 ☐ PSALM 71-75

JAMES 4:6 & 10

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The only way any of us will “make it” in the Christian life is by grace of God. It is His grace that sustains us through the most difficult of circumstances. Pride kills us, but humility gives us life! When we humble ourselves, God’s grace kicks in. You’ll find that you are at your weakest spiritually when you are filled with pride. Pride leads to a BRICK WALL. Humility leads to an OPEN DOOR. The greatest thing to do when you are struggling or having a hard time is to humble yourself to the sovereignty of God. Trust Him and He will provide the grace you need to get through it. He loves you and knows what you need. Stay soft. Stay tender. Don’t get bitter. His grace is sufficient.

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MONDAY—OCTOBER 9

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11:20-40

MARK IF READ *BONUS* **PROVERBS 9** **PSALM 41-45**

HEBREWS 11:39-40

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The Scripture seems to indicate that the Christian life is in a sense—a relay race. One generation passes the baton to the next generation. As in a relay, the success of the first leg is related to the success of the second, third, and so on... The symbolism isn't perfect, but we can learn a lesson from this. I believe that those who have gone before us are still reaping from their service as it relates to what we do with what they gave to us. This is why the Judgment Seat is not until the End. Let's be faithful stewards of what those who have gone before us have handed to us. What we do has an affect on the extent of their reward. Also, the next generation is counting on us to hand them the baton as well. Let's be faithful to guard the faith that has been delivered to us! Don't drop the baton!

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JAMES 3:5

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

The Christians that James wrote to were apparently having serious problems with their tongues. James had warned them to be "swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19). The power of speech is one of the greatest powers God has given us. With the tongue, man can praise God, pray, preach the Word, and lead the lost to Christ. What a privilege! But with that same tongue he can tell lies that could ruin a man's reputation or break a person's heart. The ability to speak words is the ability to influence others and accomplish tremendous tasks, and yet we take this ability for granted. Yield your tongue to the Lord today—be sure to build and encourage with it!

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JAMES 2:1

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Jesus did not respect persons. He was not impressed with riches or social status. The poor widow who gave her mite was greater in His eyes than the rich Pharisee who boastfully gave his large donation. He saw the potential in the lives of sinners. In Simon, He saw a rock. In Matthew, the publican, He saw a faithful disciple who would one day write one of the four gospels. We are prone to judge people by their past, not their future. When Saul of Tarsus was converted, the church in Jerusalem was afraid to receive him! It took Barnabas to break down the walls (Acts 9:26-28). Endeavor to see the potential in people rather than what they were or are now.

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HEBREWS 12:3

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

So much could be said about Hebrews 12. It is rich with practical application. Verse three really sums up so much of the Christian life in regards to the struggles that we face. I'm so glad that God became a man. Jesus Christ demonstrated how to live in any circumstance we will face in this life. Whether it be facing temptation or trials, the Christ showed us how not to consent to sin and how to keep on going! Jesus showed us how to forgive when we are hurt. He demonstrated how to love the unlovable and how to be good to our enemies. He showed us how to pray and how to have compassion. When you're tempted to quit or give in, "consider Him..."

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HEBREWS 13:7

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

There is something special about the memory of those who were instrumental in our coming to the Lord. I remember with fondness my pastors, youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and the many faithful examples God brought across my path as a young person even up until now. They did the best thing anyone could do for me—they taught me the Word! I learned in time that they were all human and make mistakes, but the Bible doesn't say to follow them; it says to follow their "faith." Follow their trust in and dependence upon the Lord. A lifestyle built on faith is worthy of duplication. You'll get discouraged if you follow man; be sure to follow their faith in God.

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JAMES 1:2

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

"When life hands you lemons, make lemonade!" It is easier to smile at that statement than to practice it, but the basic philosophy is sound. In fact, it is Biblical. Throughout the Bible are people who turned defeat into victory and trial into triumph. Instead of being victims, they became victors. James tells us that we can have this same experience today. No matter what the trials may be on the outside (James 1:1-12) or the temptations on the inside (James 1:13-27), through faith in Christ we can experience victory. The result of this victory is spiritual maturity. God's purpose in trials is our maturity. "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." If that is what you want, then in love for Christ stay faithful to the end.

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