

2022 R12.2 Conference
Callaway Gardens

Are We Considering the Things of God?

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Life is Hard

John 16:33

“In the world you have tribulation but take courage;
I have overcome the world.”

To People in Trouble: Consider the Things of God

Hebrews 3:1

“Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.”

“Consider” = “Katanoeo” (‘Kat-an-o-eh-o’)

To consider attentively, to fix one’s eyes or mind upon. To observe fully: behold, consider, discover, perceive.

The Wise vs. the Foolish Man

Matthew 7:24,26

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock....Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”

Spiritual Disciplines

- 1 Timothy 4:7-8

“...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

- “Grace is not opposed to effort. Grace is opposed to earning.”

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

Humility

John ...

- 5:19, “The Son can do nothing of Himself.”
- 5:30, “I can do nothing on My own initiative.”
- 5:41, “I do not receive glory from men.”
- 6:38, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will.”
- 7:16, “My teaching is not Mine.”
- 7:28, “I have not come of Myself.”
- 8:50, “I do not seek My glory.”
- 14:24, “The word which you hear is not Mine.”

Humility

Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Psalms 51:17

“A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.”

James 4:6

“God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Ministry Focus (ie, Evangelism and Discipleship)

- Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

- Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

- John 17:4

“I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.”

Ministry Focus (ie, Evangelism and Discipleship)

“After more than 20 years of meeting with men full-time, I’m willing to say that if a man has a ministry, it will be the most powerful force for good in his life...if a man is in the harness with God, being involved with Christ as He builds His church, using whatever gifts Christ has given him, he will usually keep the rest of his life in order. I suggest that a ministry is the biggest male motivator.”

Dave Dewitt, *The Mature Man*