

One Day at a Time

Past experience tells us that life can be very busy, and life can sometimes be complicated or even hectic at times. The pace of our lives depends in part on the particular circumstances we find ourselves. During these times, we ask the often-repeated question, “Why can’t life be simple again?” The short answer is, “It can be simpler, if not simple” if we remind ourselves of some basic teachings from Scripture. These are offered for your consideration in advance of the upcoming holidays.

First, be patient. A servant of the Lord must be patient (II Tim. 2:24). In the Apostle Paul’s short passage on how to behave like a Christian (Rom. 12:9-21), he says to *rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and continue steadfastly in prayer* (vs. 12). In I Thessalonians 5:14, we are exhorted to be patient with all people.

Secondly, live one day at a time. God alone is in control of the future. James writes, *whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow* (James 4:14a). Do not worry about tomorrow for today’s difficulties are what we need to handle today (Matt. 6:34).

The reader’s response might be that having patience and taking one day at a time is easy to say but not necessarily easy to do, considering the world in which we live. Furthermore, don’t you know that in the holiday season, there is shopping to do, crowded stores and streets, food to be prepared, events to plan, and... and ...? Yes, it is sometimes difficult to be patient when we are shopping and driving during these busy times and, yes, it is tempting to get impatient when there is much to do and time is running out. However, this is the world we live in and it can be during “such a time as this” that we exhibit Christ-likeness to our family, neighbors and acquaintances.

Let this holiday season be a blessing to you and one that glorifies our Lord.

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