

Smothering Embers

As almost everyone knows, we live out in the boonies and a lot of folks around there cut trees and brush and have big bonfires quite often. The fires burn red hot and usually last way into the night. In the morning there are still embers left where the red hot fire was earlier.

Sometimes our spiritual lives are a lot like that. When we become Christians, we are really on fire at the beginning of our new lives. We hear the word and are consumed by it but over time we tend to let the fire within us die down. This happens because we don't continue to feed it with proper study and works.

We need to keep feeding that fire by knowing what God expects us to do. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). Every time we learn something from His word it is like throwing another log on the fire. Don't let the lack of knowledge of God's expectations hinder you from feeding the fire that once burned so brightly within you. We all need to follow the example of Jesus of doing good.

In the book of Revelation we find these words: "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot! Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot or cold, I will spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15 & 16).

Don't become a Smothering Ember. Stay on fire for God.

For the Elders
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