

Eclipses, Eclipses

Unless you've been living under a rock you know we had a total eclipse of the sun this past Monday.

Most of you probably saw it. I did and I could not help but be amazed at the clear, beautiful, and faith- building evidence of intelligent design. Physics and science (science which is not the prejudged, agenda-driven interpretations of scientific observations), as well as our own observations of nature all easily support belief in creation of the universe by an almighty, all-knowing God just like we read about in the Bible.

We all know what an eclipse is in astronomy, but "to eclipse" may also be defined as becoming "much more important and noticeable than something."

What about the eclipses in our lives? Do you allow less important things to eclipse the most important things?

How about TV? Do you spend hours and hours watching TV, your computer, or phone and neglect Bible study, prayer, evangelism, giving, and benevolence?

Do you spend inordinate amounts of time on sports, entertainment or achievements at work that eclipse what you should be doing and who you should be as a Christian?

All of these things are well and good and not wrong in and of themselves, but they should never eclipse or "become much more important and noticeable than" living a Christian life.

Love of money can eclipse what should be...

"And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful" (Matthew 12:22 NASB).

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24, NASB).

Don't let the pursuit of money or accumulation of wealth eclipse your love of God and serving him.

Decide today to get rid of the unimportant things that eclipse the most important things, and eclipse the things of the world with the things of God.

For the elders,
Gary Woodall