

# Are You Overloaded?

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It's a wonderful thing to be ready for Jesus' coming, isn't it, dear friends? And it's a wonderful thing to help others to be ready. I trust our study tonight will help us in both ways: help *us* to be ready and help us to get *others* ready.

You know, it's one thing to start the Christian life, and it's another thing to keep it going in it. And I think that one of the problems in the Christian life is the burdensome attitude of those who travel the road. Tonight I would like to study with you some things that have blessed my own heart, which may help some fellow pilgrims to find the pathway just a little easier.

You know, Jesus said, "My yoke is..." what?

[Audience responds] Easy

Easy. "And My burden is..."

[Audience responds] Light

Light. And may I tell you, friends, it is an *unselfish* thing, if we look at it right, to want to enter into the *easiness* of the load, for the easier *we* find the load, the better we can help others to come and share with us in this precious experience. The converse of that is this: if we find the road long and weary, if, like Israel, we say, "Why this?" and "Why that?" and "Why the other?" it's hard for us to attract others to walk this way with us. Am I correct? You know it's true.

So with those thoughts, let's turn to the Word of God. Now you might wonder why I used these texts to begin the study after that introduction, but you'll see. Let's turn to the 68<sup>th</sup> Psalm and the 19<sup>th</sup> verse. Psalm 68:19. As Brother Finley says, when the audience in the tent are turning the Bible leaves, "I like to hear those leaves rustling." The 68<sup>th</sup> Psalm and the 19<sup>th</sup> verse. Maybe you'd like to read this opening text with me. All together:

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with  
benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah"  
Psalm 68:19.

What does the Lord do? He *loads* us with benefits. How often?

[Audience responds] Daily

Do any of you find that true in your experience? How many of you tonight believe that this is really true, that God *daily* loads you with benefits? May I see your hands? Thank the Lord! I'm glad there are so many happy people here tonight. Well, this is the truth.

Now let's go to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. You know this one by heart. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." and so on, and then down to the fifth verse:

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over" Psalm 23:5.

All right, now let's put the two texts together. He daily does what?

[Audience responds] Loads us

Loads us with what?

[Audience responds] Benefits.

And our cup runs over. It's not only full, it's running over.

Now, the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, 10<sup>th</sup> verse. The last part is what we're focusing on in this study. You remember this is a promise to those who are faithful to God in tithes and offerings:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" Malachi 3:10.

So He's going to open the windows of Heaven and do what? Pour out a blessing that there won't be what? Room enough to receive it. Now, do you see how all these three texts go together to picture Providence that is giving us *more* than we can what? More than we can *hold*, more than we can *receive*. And that leads me right into the heart of our problem tonight. That's just the thing that's bothering many people. If it doesn't give them ulcers, it at least worries them a lot.

There are *more* blessings than they can receive, *more* benefits than they can hold, *more* on the table than they can eat, *more* in the library than they can read, *more* wonderful things to do than they can find time for, *more* classes to take than they can get in their schedule, *more* missionary work challenging them and beckoning them than they can get to... Any of you here tonight know what I'm talking about? Do you? Do you agree with me that at least to some people this is a big problem? What shall we do about it?

Well, first, three things *not* to do about it. First, don't feel cheated. Don't feel cheated because you can't *hold* all the blessings that God pours out. Don't make it necessary for God to whittle down His blessings and cut down His blessings to the point where you can *handle* all of them and *contain* all of them and *receive* all of them.

I remember many years ago, when we had just a small group here, one of the young people was going to be away for a couple of weeks, on vacation I think it was. He said to the cook, "Please don't have anything especially good while I'm gone." [Laughter] Can you imagine it? What was the matter? Well, he didn't want to miss anything; he didn't want to miss anything *special*.

Bless your heart, friends, you're missing *a hundred* special things every day. You can't keep up with them, run as fast as you can. Why, every morning on this campus, there are at least 20 breakfasts that you miss. [Laughter] And you folks that are visiting with us, if you chance to have Sabbath dinner with somebody, listen, you'll miss 20 others! And there are going to be some good things; I know about some of them.

Ah, my, that's the trouble, isn't it? What to do about it? Well, first, what *not* to do about it. Number 1 is don't feel cheated. Put away that idea entirely that you're cheated because you can't *hold* everything. Bless your heart, if you have all you can hold, what more? Didn't God say, "I will pour you out a blessing that there would not be room enough to receive it"?

Do you remember that man that Jesus told about? Jesus said what kind of a man he was too. His crops were so abundant, God blessed so wonderfully—I don't doubt he was a faithful tithe payer. And when he saw the crops coming in, he said, "What in the world will I do? This will I do: I will tear down my barns and build greater." He had forgotten that God said He would bless him *beyond* what he could receive. He said, "We'll just fix things so I *can* receive it all." God said he was a foolish man. And anyone is foolish who tries to receive, contain, hold, hoard, get your arms around, all the blessings that God gives, whether they're blessings of money or food or scholastic opportunity, study, classes, books to read, missionary work to do, or anything else in life, friends, because *everything* God gives us is meant to be a blessing, isn't it? Isn't work meant to be a blessing? Some of you know that that's so. Some of you *think* it is, and you act like you are trying to get hold of *all* the blessings around. But you can't manage it; there's more work left after you go to bed.

Somebody says, "That's the trouble."

No, that's *not* the trouble. That's the *fact*. [Laughter] "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits." He loads us with food, loads us with work, loads us with study, loads us with missionary endeavors, loads us with friends.

Somebody says, "Yes, that's the trouble. I can't get around to see all my friends."

Well, of course not! Wouldn't you hate to have so few friends that you could just visit them all the time and never run out, always keep up with them? Why, thank the Lord! God is going to give you *eternity* to enjoy your friends. Why, there are so many it will *take* eternity to do that. And why get the feeling of being cheated because somehow we can't get around all these opportunities and privileges? So let's put away that childish idea. What do you say, friends? Let's let God give us blessings and make the cup... what did David say in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm?

[Audience responds] Run over.

Run over.

"Oh, that's the trouble, it's running over, and I've got to get a bigger cup and scoop it up!" No, my cup does what?

[Audience responds] Runs over.

Runs over. Let it *run*, friends. Don't feel cheated. Someone else will get the blessing, whether it's a blessing of a book that you don't have time to read or some work that you can't get to or some other blessing, some food that you aren't able to eat. Somebody else will eat it. *Don't feel cheated*; that's number 1.

Number 2: do not feel guilty. This is what's bothering some of the saints. They feel guilty because they can't keep up with all the opportunities. Do you know there are some people in the home who are just pushing themselves *all* the time because they see something more to do?

The servant of God, the Lord's messenger, tells about a home she visited. You can read about it there in *Adventist Home*. She came to visit these friends from a distance, but all the while she was there, much of the time they were spending with a broom and a dustpan and if had been today, I suppose it'd been some other apparatus, but at least they were busy most of the time, trying to see that everything was in perfect order and in perfect shape. She said she would have enjoyed it so much more if they had sat down and visited with her. Do you see what I mean? But that hostess had a guilty conscience. She felt that it was up to her to just have *everything* while the prophet was there, in apple-pie order, and *keep* it that way every minute she was there. Read about it there in *Adventist Home*. If you can't find it, let me know, and I'll give you the page.

I don't know of any good thing that can't be overdone, friends. And this devotion to work can be a species of idolatry, a species of intemperance.

Let me give another facet of that problem. Here's somebody that comes to me and says, "Brother Frazee, would you please do this or this, this coming week?" Maybe teach a class, maybe give a mission reading, maybe to do something else. I look at my schedule, and I don't see how I can work it in with the other commitments I have, but I have an obsession that I ought to do *everything* I've been asked to do. Do you know

what I'm preparing for? Spiritual indigestion, a nervous breakdown, or something worse. That's right. Let us put aside this feeling of guilt if we can't keep up with everything we're asked to do. Bless your heart, if the Devil finds that you'll do anything you're asked to do, he'll keep the telephone busy. Yes, he will.

Only the other day, I had a telephone call, long distance. There was a man from far away, and he wanted to come and see me and take several hours of my time. What for? He has a great burden that he has some special light on some special doctrine, and he feels that I need to hear it, that it's very important I hear it. Well, dear friends, I may be missing something, but the best light I have is that just now, with these meetings on, these campaigns on, my work is with the lost sheep, to try to find them and help them, too much to take the time in sitting down and listening to someone who has a burden on some new light on some doctrine. So I just told him over the phone, "Brother, there are some good ministers where you are. Why take all that time and money to make that long trip? Why not sit down with one of those ministers where you are if you think you have something good?"

Well of course, he thought that I was the one that should listen, but I didn't think so. Now, shall I feel guilty because I missed that opportunity? Shall I? No, friends, I *must* not. I could; I'm human, just like other people. I could think, "Oh my, it's too bad I turned that man down. He wanted to come." But friends, I was about to say I don't know how you are, but I only have 24 hours in a day. Yes, I *do* know how you are; you're *just* like I am. That's all you have. [Mild audience laughter] And when we try to keep up with *all* the requests from people, and they may be *good* people, and they may be *good* requests, pretty soon we have loaded our trays with more than we can eat, or we've loaded our stomachs with more than we *should* eat, literally or symbolically, whether we're dealing with food or books to read or people to see or work to do... Let us pray God for good common sense, what do you say, friends?

[Audience responds] Amen.

So, in our relation to these *abundant blessings* that God is pouring out from day to day and so many opportunities to do so many things and engage in so many activities, the first thing we're *not* going to do is to feel what?

[Audience responds] Cheated.

Cheated. And the second thing we're not going to do if we can't keep up with all of them is not to feel what?

[Audience responds] Guilty.

Not to feel guilty. All right.

The third one is, don't feel frustrated. Don't feel frustrated. Now, I'll tell you, if you try to keep up with it, you *will* feel frustrated because you can't. Utterly impossible. God promised to pour out more blessings than you could what? Receive. Don't try to prove God a liar. No. You *can't* receive it all, but you can get mighty frustrated trying.

You can burn the candle at both ends. You can stay up until the wee hours, drop into bed exhausted and wake up sleepy-eyed, or else kill the whole day's program the *next* day, trying to catch up.

Don't misunderstand me, friends. There *are* emergencies. That's not what I'm dealing with. I'm not dealing with emergencies. I'm dealing with the steady, day-by-day *avalanche* of invitations, opportunities, challenges, requests, assignments, all kinds of things.

I get a lot of help out of *Ministry of Healing*, page 456. I was looking at that this morning, and I found out a way to remember what page it is. Did you notice that? Page 4–5–6. You can't forget it now, can you? *Ministry of Healing*, page 456. Besides the mathematics of the page, there's some mathematics in the sentence:

“We must turn away from a thousand topics that invite attention” *Ministry of Healing*, page 456.

Turn from a thousand things that are inviting us. Turn away from how many? A thousand. That's 10 times 100, 100 times 10. How many have you turned away from this week? Or did you *almost* get everything that was thrown in your road? You know, if people could learn this at the table, it would help in the reconditioning program, wouldn't it? It would help people not to get overweight if they could just learn to sit at the table and say, “No, thank you. No, thank you.” When some dish is passed that you know is not for *you*, maybe for somebody else, but it isn't for *you*... Maybe it isn't for *anybody else*, but if it *is* for others, if it *isn't* for you, what do you say? What *should* you say? “No, thank you.” And when you've had sufficient, even if the food that's passed is some good food you've already had some of and you know you've had enough, what do you say? What *should* you say? “No, thank you.” Can you say that?

Now listen, you folks that smiled so sweetly knowing that you do that every day, can you do the same thing with books and magazines? Can you do the same thing with work? You know, it's one thing to be temperate in *one* area of life, but every man who striveth for the mastery is temperate in *all* things. “You mean *all* things, Paul?” That's what he said. (See 1 Corinthians 9:25.) Let's do it, friends, what do you say? Temperance is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Let's ask the Lord, by His Holy Spirit, to help us to be temperate in *all* things.

Now, just a few practical suggestions about what *to* do. We've seen some things here *not* to do. We're not to feel *cheated* if we can't hold everything. We're not to feel *guilty* if we can't accept every suggestion and request. And we're not to feel *frustrated* because we can't keep up.

What *shall* we do? Well, I got a wonderful, practical suggestion from *Volume 3* of the *Testimonies*, page 499–500. It says:

“You should first do the work which must be done...and only take up the less important matters after the more essential are accomplished” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 3*,

pages 499–500.

Now, this is practical Christianity, getting right down to business in the kitchen, on the farm, in the office, in the store, on the job in the factory, in the garden. *Every* day in every phase of life, what are we to do first? The work which *must* be done.

“Oh, I think it *all* has to get done.”

No, it won't all *get* done. You can just count on that. It won't all get done. And if you and I fritter away time with a lot of little things just because we would like to put off that *real* job, or because we're more interested in the trivia, whatever the reason, we may come face to face with a real emergency when we wish so much we had done *first* the most important thing. *First*, do the work that *must* be done.

“But oh,” someone says, “I've got plenty of time. I've got all day. I can do that this afternoon.”

Better do it this morning. Why? It may rain this afternoon, or something else may happen. Do first what? The most important thing. And I'll tell you a little secret, friends. If you're doing first the most important thing and stick to that, you're always doing the most important thing, and you can't do any better than that.

Let's look at that thing in reverse. I heard of a woman once, years ago, in the old days when they used to keep barrels of apples in the basement, the cellar, in the wintertime. She went down there and looked over the apples. She saw one with a spot on it, and she took it up and ate it. The next day she went down, and she found *another* one with a spot on it. She took that up and ate it. She was eating spotted apples all winter. She was always taking out the *worst* one, you understand. You know, if she'd listened to me, I would tell her to cook up those apples with the spots and start eating *good* apples, fresh apples, without any spots on them. What do you think?

If you always *select* the best, you'll always *have* the best. This helps so much in problems of reading and music. Some people are wondering whether they ought to read a certain book or not. Well friends, it's a wonderful thing not to have to divide all the books in the world into the good and bad, and then read all the ones that pass the test, if they're not too bad to be thrown out. Why not, day-by-day, ask God to help us to choose the *best* in our reading, what do you say? This will effectually and automatically eliminate *all* the bad. It will also effectually eliminate a lot of the "near bad" and "half bad," or, "a quarter bad," and it'll eliminate a lot of trivia, a lot of unimportant things, some of those 'thousand things' that must be turned from. If in our reading, our music, our diet, in *everything* in life, we're asking God to help us to select first the best, the most important, the most urgent, this calls for wisdom, doesn't it, friends?

Now turn to James, the first chapter, and the fifth verse. James 1:5:

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to

all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” James 1:5.

What has God promised? What’s He promised?

[Audience responds] Wisdom

Wisdom. What is wisdom? It’s good sense to know what to do next. That’s what it is as far as what we’re studying tonight. “If any of you lack wisdom, let him...” do what?

[Audience responds] Ask of God

Ask of God. What does ‘lack’ mean there? They need it. They don’t have it. If any of you don’t have wisdom to know what to do next, to know the most important thing, the most urgent thing, then do what? Let him ask of God. “...That giveth to all men liberally...” What does ‘liberally’ mean. Plenty, not stingy, not grudgingly. He gives to all men liberally, and what is it He doesn’t do?

[Audience responds] Upbraideth not

He upbraideth not. What does that mean, “upbraideth not”? Why, God doesn’t scold us because we don’t know any better. He doesn’t get after us because we’re so stupid? *He* knows we don’t know much. But friends, thank God, we can know enough to come to Him and ask Him to direct us. And listen, if we’ll just play fair with God and come to Him morning-by-morning, and say, “Lord, You know what’s ahead this day; I don’t. I see some things here that I think I need to do. Now help me to arrange my program the best I know,” and keep doing all day long the next most important thing.

Will God help us to do that? Yes, my friends, He will. He says He will. Let’s hold Him to His promise. But now, listen, along with it, don’t forget the other side of that coin. We’ll have to, all day long, turn away from a *thousand* topics that invite attention.

Do you remember what Jesus told His disciples when He sent them out on those missionary trips? “...Salute no man by the way” (Luke 10:4). I wonder what He meant.

How long does it take you to get from one end of this campus to the other? How long does it take you to go the office and get your mail or to go to the commissary and get your groceries? How long does it take you? How many people do you have to stop and chat with and pass the time of day with?

“Oh,” you say, “Brother Frazee, would you kill all the social life?”

Well friends, there again, you’ll have to decide what’s most important in your life. And if that’s the errand God sends you on, by all means do it. God sent Philip all the way from Samaria down to that desert road to meet *one* man and have a social visit with him in the chariot, but he led him to Christ and baptized him.



[Break in tape]

And since it seems, and you know that the Spirit is leading you, take advantage of the opportunity, as Jesus did with that woman at the well, fine. But I want to tell you something, friends. There's a mass of instruction, and if any of you doubt it or need it, I can give you the references on it, a mass of instruction on avoiding all this waste of time in just talking, just idle busyness about this, that, and the other thing. We've got a war on. There's a battle going on. Souls are at stake. Oh, let me get the spirit of urgency, not a haphazard spirit to run, not knowing where I'm going. But on the other hand, not a lazy, lackadaisical spirit that I just have *plenty* of time to talk with anybody and every everybody because, really, either I haven't much to do or I have so much to do I can't get around to it anyways, so I'd just as soon not.

What am I to do first? The most important thing. This is a challenge to us to check up on. This is in *Evangelism*, page 649:

"In no department or office should time be lost in unnecessary conversations. The work of God requires things which it does not receive, because men do not learn from the God of wisdom. They press too many things into their life..."  
*Evangelism*, page 649.

Did you ever see anyone trying to pack a suitcase and then get a little more in and then try to sit on the lid and get it down?

"They press too many things into their life, postpone until tomorrow that which demands their attention today, and much time is lost in painfully picking up the lost stitches"  
*Ibid.*, pages 649–650.

Read the whole page, the whole chapter, if you want something wonderful.

Now, turn to Philippians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, and the 13<sup>th</sup> verse. Hour by hour through the day, as we find *the* thing that as far as we know is the most important thing to do at that time, how shall we devote ourselves to it? Philippians 3:13. I lift from its context five words of the apostle, five little words, each of one syllable: "...this one thing I do..." Will you repeat it with me? "This one thing I do,"—not these dozen things I dabble in. "This one thing I do."

Let me tell you something, friends, if I'm on the operating table, and our good doctors have me open, I don't want them to try to do a lot of other things while that surgery is going on, what do you say? I want them to have every one of those brain cells focused on getting out the offending member and getting me sewed back up again and ready for business again, what do you say? Of course, maybe most of us don't have anything that important. Or maybe we *do*, friends, and don't know it. I want to tell you something. Every day you and I have opportunities freighted with eternal consequences. Every day we have opportunities which, if we're not trying to keep in

touch with everything and everybody, if our minds are open to the Spirit and like Philip, we're ready to go as God's Spirit directs, and keep focused, we can win a soul for Christ that otherwise might be lost.

"This one thing I do." If it's washing dishes, let's do a good job of washing dishes, what do you say? You know, I washed dishes after dinner today, and I was thinking about this while I was washing the dishes, just what I'm talking with you right now. That's right. When I'm washing dishes, I oughtn't to get my mind in a reverie until finally, somebody has to say to me, "But look here, Brother Frazee, this dish didn't get clean." Should I? If I'm going to wash dishes, I ought to do what? Do a good job of it. If I can't do that, I mean, if I *won't* do it, I'd better not do it. Is that right? "This one thing I do."

Now, reading again from *Evangelism*, page 656. Here is a wonderful statement:

"In order to make a success in this work you must do one thing at a time, concentrate your powers upon that one work"  
*Evangelism*, page 656.

What does 'concentrate' mean? Focus. As Peter says, "Gird up the loins of your mind..." (1 Peter 1:13). Listen, when it comes time, one of the most important times of the day, when we kneel down in the early morning or in the evening to be alone with God, do we need then, in a special way, this power of concentration? Do you ever find your mind wandering? Inspiration says:

"If the mind wanders, bring it back" *Our High Calling*, page 205.

Persevering effort will finally make it easy. But I'll tell you, friends, one of the reasons that some of us find our minds running in so many directions when we're trying to pray and study is that that's the way we run our lives. We're going to have to settle down to missing hundreds of things, a *thousand* things, in order to do the *one* thing day by day, hour by hour, that God has called us to. If it's time to sleep, let's sleep so we'll be ready for something else besides sleeping. If it's time to eat, let's enjoy our eating, and as Inspiration says, cast off anxious thought and care. (See *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, page 109.) Let's *enjoy* our eating. What does the Bible say about the early Christians? They did eat their food with gladness and... Wait a minute. You'd better not miss *that* one. Turn to Acts the second chapter. Maybe we'll get a ray of light here. Acts 2:46-47. Read it with me:

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:46-47.

Think of it! Every day new converts were coming in. They just had 3,000 baptized in one day. And every day, there were new additions to the church. They

didn't have time to eat then, did they? What? Does it say specifically that they did? Yes, every day they had time to eat. That's good! That's good. And were they having committee meetings to thrash out all the problems while they snatched a sandwich? How do you know that, according to the text? It says they ate their food with what?\

[Audience responds] Gladness.

Gladness and what?

[Audience respond] Singleness of heart.

Singleness of heart. What does that mean? Why, just what Paul says here, "This one thing I do..." When they were eating, they ate, and they enjoyed it. I recommend it, friends. I see the doctor nodding his head. That's fine. So we're in agreement, medically and theologically. Friends, let's make it practical, what do you say? When it's time to eat, let's eat and enjoy it.

But listen, there's a time to get up and leave the table. There's a time to put both hands on the table, *you* know, and push back and get some exercise. [Laughter] There's a time to say, "I haven't any more time to eat, and I haven't any more time to sit around and visit. I've got to get going. I've got something to do." But the time for that is not in the middle of the meal, friends. Do you see what I mean?

This *enjoyment* that we get in certain things, this relaxation, must not lead us to the place where all the time we've just got so much time that we really are not pushed about *anything*. Jesus said,

"I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day:  
the night cometh, when no man can work" John 9:4.

Jesus never had a moment to waste. But He was never running like He was late and trying to press in more than there was time to do. Oh friends, I want to follow the Master, what do you say?

Well, I trust that some of these thoughts will bless somebody tonight. May I just ask, I'd like to know, did somebody here tonight get something practical that's going to help you? May I see your hands? Did you? Well, that's fine. And the rest of you, keep your notes. You'll need them next week or next month—sometime in the future. I *know* you will!

Now, we're going to give some opportunity here for somebody that got a blessing tonight to thank God for what you got. And in our testimony meeting tonight, I'm limiting the testimonies to just one sentence so many people can take part. All who would like to speak, come right up now, start coming, so that we can have a good season of praise and witness here. And for this part of the service, we're going to apply what we've studied. "This one thing I do." What's the one thing you're going to do now? We're going to witness; we're going to thank God. We're not going to launch into a long murmuring, complaining, groaning session. We're not going to tell about all our

thoughts. We're going to praise God for His love and for His light on the pilgrim way. All right, friends, what is your witness? Come and share it to the praise and glory of God.

[Testimony service]

[Elder Frazee's comment after one young man's shares a quote.] Where is that? Somebody else might like to read it. [Someone shares the reference.] All right, look at *Volume 6 of the Testimonies*, page 24. If you don't find it there, let us know:

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time" *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6*, page 24.

Right on the point, Brother. Thank you for putting that ingredient in the soup tonight.

[Elder Frazee begins singing, 'I'm Pressing on the Upward Way' and audience joins him.]

[Brother Damon's testimony] I want to learn better the lesson that not only doing the good or the better but doing the *best* all the time or as the wise man says, "Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it with they might..."

[Elder Frazee] Good! Where is that text?

[Brother Damon responds] Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Ecclesiastes 9:10, some of you will want it in your notes.

"Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it with they might..."  
Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Did you notice how the wise man words it? He doesn't say, "Whatsoever your eye finds to do [Laughter] or your *ear* hears about or your *imagination* conceives or dreams." That same wise man said:

"...The eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth"  
Proverbs 17:24.

Whatsoever thy *hand* findeth to do. That job is right next to you. Do it with what?

[Audience responds] Your might.

Your might.

The key to successfully living on 24 hours a day is taking time every day to get

our orders from headquarters. The only way to successfully keep out of debt is to pay God His tithe, when? First. The only way to successfully live on 24 hours a day is to give God special time *first*, whether it's first in the evening or first in the morning, time when we can be alone with God and get our orders when we can look over the past and let Him correct the [inaudible] and look over the future and get His guidance, study His Word and pray. This is beautifully expressed in this song, 'Take Time to be Holy.'

[Audience sings first stanza of "Take Time to be Holy" with Elder Frazee.]

Now notice that next stanza: "Take time to be holy, the world rushes on..."

Doesn't it? Are you trying to keep up with it? It'll wear you out. Notice each word of this next stanza:

Take time to be holy, The world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone;  
By looking to Jesus, Like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Now, as we sing this next stanza, notice, "Take time to be holy, Let Him be..." what?

[Audience responds] Thy Guide.

Thy Guide. Listen, is there somebody here tonight that has never fully surrendered to Jesus, to let Him be your guide, but tonight Jesus is calling you? Would you like to come up? I'd like to take your hand. I'd like to introduce you this evening; He's your guide if you accept Him.

Is there somebody here tonight that has never surrendered to Him? Come tonight. It's a practical road; you can see that from what we've studied tonight. But you can also see that the plan I've given you tonight won't work at all unless you have Divine guidance. You'll get all mixed up, you'll get frustrated and flustered. You can't keep up, but if you let Jesus be your guide... Oh friend, I want you to come. Make a full surrender to Jesus while we sing this next stanza. And if there's somebody else here—you may have surrendered to Jesus in the past, but you see you've been running ahead of Him or behind Him or beside Him, or something, you've gotten out of view of Him, and tonight you know that you need to get back with Him and let Him be your guide, you come. You come.

[Audience sings last two stanzas of a hymn with Elder Frazee.]

Thank the Lord. There might be more, so if there's still another one that wants to come, you come. We're going to have a little after meeting with these folks that are seeking God here. Folks, the time to get help is *now*. The time to know that your hand is linked with Jesus', that's *tonight*. Nothing that I've given you tonight will work without Jesus. It'll all work *with* Jesus. Why in the world try to get along without Him? He's

your friend. You need Him, and He needs you. We need Him, and He wants to. Oh, be sure when you go out these doors tonight that an unseen Friend, *the* unseen Friend, is holding your hand. You want some of it? Hurry! You can be sure. You can *know* that God is guiding you along. You can have that joy. Oh, thank God, it's real, friends. Is there still another who wants to come? All right. Well, we're going to have a little after meeting, and if anybody else wants to join us, you do, and if the audience will very quietly and quickly withdraw so that we can have this quiet place in which to seek God.

And now, friends, a happy Sabbath all through these holy hours, worshipping, witnessing, and then tomorrow night, you who go to St. Elmo, Sunday night you who go to Trenton, let's be there, and any of our visitors who'd like to attend these wonderful evangelistic meetings, we'll tell you just where it is. Brother Finley's going to be at the door to greet you, and he'll be glad to help any of you know where to come in St. Elmo or Trenton. I hope *every* one of you here tonight will either be tomorrow night in St. Elmo or Sunday night in Trenton. Let's make these strong evangelism nights for God. Now I'm going to ask Brother Boykin to pray a word of benediction.

[Brother Boykin] Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for Thy guiding hand. We thank Thee for the great love that Jesus has for each of us. He's not willing that any should perish. Nothing can separate us from the Father's love. Now, Father, we ask that Thou wilt guide us and direct us in these practical instructions tonight. May we know *how* to apply them. Dismiss us, Lord, with Thy blessing. In Jesus' name, amen.

God be with you all.

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