

IT TAKES TIME TO BE HOLY

Text: I Peter 1:15-16

Intro: The basic outline for this lesson is taken from the major thoughts expressed in the first stanza of the familiar hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy." Becoming holy, set apart from the world, doesn't happen by accident, nor is it accomplished in a moment of time. Hymn 118.

I. TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY, SPEAK OFT WITH THY LORD.

1 Thess. 5:17

Praying always with all prayer & supplications in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance & supplication for all the saints. (Eph. 6:18).

Hymn 107, "Pray All The Time"

II. ABIDE IN HIM ALWAYS AND FEED ON HIS WORD.

Matt. 4:4

The hymn, "Bread Thou The Bread of Life" makes reference to the feeding of the multitudes beside the Sea of Galilee-- then makes spiritual application to Jesus & His truth as the "bread" that strengthens & sustains us spiritually.

READ MATTHEW 14:19-22; JOHN 6:32-35.

Hymn 355, "Bread Thou The Bread of Life"

III. MAKE FRIENDS OF GOD'S CHILDREN.

READ ACTS 2:44-47

Behold, how good & how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1).

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35).

READ LUKE 16:9-13

Hymn 302, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

IV. HELP THOSE WHO ARE WEAK. MATTHEW 25:31-46.

A. Some are physically weak. MT 10:42; MK 14:8

B. Some are weak in spiritual matters.

1. Weak in knowledge, not well grounded,

1 Cor 8:9-13

2. Weak in application, put up little resistance to temptation.

READ ROMANS 14:13 thru 15:1.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. (1 Thess. 5:14).

Hymn 515, "O, The Things We May Do"

V. FORGETTING IN NOTHING HIS BLESSINGS TO SEEK.

READ JAMES 1:5, 16-17; 4:2-3, 7-10.

READ EPH. 1:3-11. Gal. 3:26-27.

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