

LOST IN THE “WOULDS”

Text: Luke 12:39

INTRO: A lot of people are in a lost condition because of what they “would” do – but have not done & are not doing. They would obey God; they would be faithful; they would serve Him & please Him, but other things seem to always stand in the way. Are you lost in the “woulds?” If so, let Jesus guide you out of the “woulds” and into Himself.

I. “I WOULD BECOME A CHRISTIAN BUT I’M WAITING FOR GOD TO CALL ME.”

He is calling you right now. He has been calling you from the time you reached a state of accountability.

2 Thess 2:13-14, God from the beginning chose you for salvation thru sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is calling you. Listen... Matt. 11:28-30

II. “I WOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, BUT I AM BETTER NOW THAN MANY WHO ARE IN THE CHURCH.”

A. Perhaps they will be lost. Is that any comfort to you?
B. If they are that bad, just think how sorry they might be if it were not for the influence of the Lord, the gospel & the church.

C. Remember, you don’t have to answer for them, but you will have to give account of yourself to the Lord, Rom. 14:12.

2 Cor 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

III. "I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN BUT I AM WAITING FOR MY HUSBAND, WIFE, FATHER, MOTHER, ETC."

A. They may be waiting for you.

B. If you are ever to be a Christian, you must put God first.

Matt. 10:34-39

IV. "I WOULD LIKE TO BE A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN, BUT I AM JUST TOO BUSY IN OTHER MATTERS RIGHT NOW."

Too busy doing what???

A. Laying up treasures on earth? Matt. 16:19-20.

B. Enjoying the pleasures of sin? Heb 11:24-26; Heb 9:27

C. Whatever you're too busy doing isn't worth the cost of your soul.

V. "I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN, BUT I AM TOO GREAT A SINNER."

John 6:37, All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

Luke 5:32, I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Rev 22:17, And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

VI. "I WOULD LIKE TO OBEY THE GOSPEL BUT I AM AFRAID I COULDN'T BE FAITHFUL."

1 John 1:7

1 John 2:1-2, My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 Cor 10:13, No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

VII. "I WOULD BECOME A SERVANT OF GOD, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET STARTED."

B-R-C-B, then remain faithful. With God's help, you can do it.

CONCLUSION: Come out of the "woulds" & into Christ. Walk in the light of His word & have fellowship with God & with the faithful of God throughout the world in this age, & in the age to come.

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